

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Application available on page 24.

COVID-19 FINANCIAL IMPACT RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM

\$1,500 PER TRIBAL CITIZEN

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PLEASE MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Little Traverse Bay Bands ATTN: Human Services

7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs MI 49740

Fax 231-242-1635

Email: DHSApplications@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1, 2022

Questions?

Please contact Melanie Gasco, DHS Program Generalist or
 Veronica Sanders, DHS Administrative Assistant at
 231-242-1622

Reservation Litigation Update

By **Jim Bransky**,
 LTBB General Counsel

In August 2015, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians filed suit in the Federal Court for the Western District of Michigan against the State of Michigan seeking a ruling the 1855 Treaty established a permanent reservation that continues to exist to this day. All of the local governments within the reservation, and two non-governmental entities joined the case on the state's side as co-defendants. Recognition of LTBB's reservation area would designate it as "Indian country" which would allow the tribe to more fully exercise its sovereignty and protect its citizens, natural resources, environment and ancestral remains, along with its cultural identity and the history of its

members. Recognition of the reservation boundaries would reduce conflicts between the tribe, state and local governments concerning competing claims of jurisdiction within the reservation. The only lands the state and local governments currently agree are "Indian country" are the parcels held in trust for LTBB by the United States.

In litigation, plaintiffs or defendants may file motions for summary judgment claiming there are no facts in dispute that must be resolved by a trial, and they are entitled to judgment as a matter of law based on undisputed facts. After four years of extensive trial preparation, including numerous reports by PhD historians supported by thousands of documents and many depositions, the defense

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LTBB Archives Director Eric Hemenway Reappointed to Michigan Historical Commission

On May 19, 2021, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the following appointments to the Michigan Historical Commission.

Laura Ashlee, of Okeemos, MI, recently retired from the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office where she served as the certified local government coordinator, historian and communications liaison and various other positions over 30 years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Master of Arts in American Studies from Michigan State University. She is reappointed

for a term commencing May 22, 2021 and expiring May 21, 2025.

Eric Hemenway, of Harbor Springs, MI, is the director of archives and records for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He also serves as a consulting scholar for the American Philosophical Society Center for Native American and Indigenous Research. He is reappointed for a term commencing May 22, 2021 and expiring May 21, 2025.

The Michigan Historical Commission was established in 1913 and advises the director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on the



museum, archival and other programs of the Michigan Historical Center.

These appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Michigan Historical Marker Program was established by the legislature and governor in 1955. Since then, more than 1,700 Michigan Historical Markers have been placed all across the state and in several other states and Europe.

Each marker reflects an important story of a place, an event or a person. It powerfully shows the importance a community places on its heritage and serves as a

signpost of historical significance. A marker dedication ceremony is an event of commemoration and even celebration which introduces a lasting resource for tourism, education and community heritage.

The Michigan Historical Commission and staff of the Michigan History Center apply rigorous scholarship and research to ensure each marker best represents the story it needs to tell. Sponsors raise funds for the manufacture and installation of the markers.

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LTBB Government Services Available Out of Area

Editor's note: This is the first of two articles detailing out of area services provided by LTBB Departments.

Communications Department (Biidaajmowin)



The *Odawa Trails* newsletter is mailed to all LTBB Tribal Citizens designated as head of household regardless of their residence. It is also posted on the LTBB website and can be viewed at www.odawatrails.com.

If you are not receiving

the newsletter and are an LTBB Tribal Citizen head of household, please contact the Communications Department at newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

The most common reasons for LTBB Tribal Citizens not receiving the newsletter are due to not having a current address on file with the Enrollment Department or not being designated as head of household by the Enrollment Department. The Enrollment Department maintains the mailing list for the *Odawa Trails* newsletter.

We accept advertising from tribal and non-tribal businesses at low cost with free graphic services. For more information, please contact Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon at wcongdon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

We accept birthday wishes, announcements and obituaries for our "Lines from the Membership" section of

the newsletter. We also accept story ideas, suggestions and comments. Please send those to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

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K-12 Academic Services

PreK - 12 Education Assistance Scholarship

The purpose of the PreK-12th Grade Education Assistance Scholarship is to supplement, assist and enhance the educational opportunities

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 6-21-2021 = 4,494

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and Website Information

LTBB Governmental Website www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov
Odawa Trails Website www.odawatrails.com

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1-866-652-5822

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Andrea Pierce 734-796-0710	

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement
Debendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa’anaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago’iing debendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwaa wiimnaadendiziying. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mnidoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniijk debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabi’aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadenda-mowin, aakde’ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe’iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi’iing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

LTBB Mission Statement
Being Odawa is all about freedom. The Freedom to be a part of a people who, with integrity and pride, still have and speak our own language. The freedom to share in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture, and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication, and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our Tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the Tribe forward.

Contact

Information

ODAWA TRAILS



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231-242-1427

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Pre-Press Graphic Specialist
231-242-1429

The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our “Lines From Our Membership” section of the news-letter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any mate-rial submitted for space and content.
The deadline for the August 2021 issue of *Odawa Trails* is July 5, 2021.
You can e-mail or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

<div>The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Attendance at Various Meetings and Events</div> <div></div>		Emily Proctor	Julie Shananaquet	Marcella Reyes	Tamara Kiogima	Melissa Pamp	Leroy Shomin	Marty VanDeCar	Fred Kiogima	Fred Harrington, Jr.
DATE	April 2021									
4/6/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X			X	X	X	X	X	
4/7/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Branch Budget Hearing	X	X	X		X			X	
4/8/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
4/9/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Branch Budget Hearings	X		X		X	X		X	
4/13/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting			X		X	X			
4/13/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Public Budget Hearing	X		X		X	X			
4/16/21	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X		X		X	X		X	
4/20/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X			X	X	X	X	
4/22/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs										

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DATE	May 2021									
5/4/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
5/6/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5/11/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
5/14/21	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X		X		X	X		X	X
5/18/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5/21/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs										

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER ADDRESS POLICY CHANGE

The LTBB Department of Commerce has implemented a policy change regarding Resident Tribal Member address records. If citizens have lived or currently live in the Tax Agreement Area and did not update their address with the LTBB Enrollment Department as soon as they moved in, they are now able to correct their address record to accurately reflect the time they have lived in the Tax Agreement Area. If citizens find they need to correct their address record for Resident Tribal Member purposes, they will need to contact the LTBB Department of Commerce and fill

out the proper form as well as provide 1-2 proofs of residency showing the effective dates for living in the Tax Agreement Area. Please note correcting your address record does not allow citizens to obtain TCEs for purchases they previously made. Resident Tribal Member status will still take effect on the first day of the following month of which the address record is updated. If you have any questions or to obtain the necessary form, please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN VENDOR LIST - PUBLIC LIST COMING SOON

The LTBB Department of Commerce has recently taken over the responsibility of maintaining the LTBB Tribal Citizen Vendor List. This is a voluntary list for any LTBB Tribal Citizen business owners (51% ownership or more) who would like for LTBB to potentially contact them in regard to the products/services offered by their business.

There are two options for the list – one is your business information will be made available to employees of the LTBB tribal government and

LTBB-owned businesses only or you may also choose to have your business information made available on a public list (NEW!) which will be maintained on the LTBB website.

If you are interested in having your business added to either of these lists, please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

The form to have your business added is also available on the Department of Commerce web page on the LTBB website.

Casino vouchers and Shuttle available!
Family Owned

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Tribal Member Discount
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* Room rate subject to availability
Tribal ID must be shown at check-in

Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application? Go to www.tinyurl.com/2021FUA. Still have questions? Call the Elders Department at 231-242-1423 for information.

Need to update your address?

When you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an Address Verification Form.

Address Verification and many other Enrollment forms are also available at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. They can be found in the Forms Directory or on the Enrollment page of the website.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address form for any minor children.

If you are the custodial parent of a minor, please provide proof by documentation.

Upon reaching the age of 18, an Adult Address Verification form must be completed. Failure to do so may result in a delay of per capita payment.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized.

Adult verification forms must be signed and either witnessed or notarized, depending on your address.

Contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, 231-242-1520 or by e-mail enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Please Note:

Changeable address forms are available for LTBB Citizens at www.tinyurl.com/ltbbenrollmentforms. The forms must be printed and signed by the Tribal Citizen and hard copies returned to Enrollment. We still require the form to be witnessed or notarized depending on your address.

LTBB Enrollment Office 231-242-1521

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
Replacement/Expired Cards A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to Elders.	\$10
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2017 Published every 4 years.	\$5
Tribal Directory Labels Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
LTBB List The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
Photocopies of Enrollment file First 3 copies free, \$1 for each page thereafter.	\$1 ea
Marriage License Application Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
Tribal Notary Application Surety Bond: \$125 (Payable: Brownrigg Companies LTD)	\$10

- Services**
- Enrollment Applications.
 - Address Change Forms.
 - Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
 - Minors require notarization annually.
 - Tribal Directory.
 - Marriage License Application.
 - Tribal Notary Application.
 - Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
 - BIA – 4432 Indian Preference Form.
 - Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
 - Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



It has been a while since we have seen the sun. Hope-

fully, you have been outside enjoying this lovely warm weather we've been having. I know my sense of time passing has been off over this last year, but it feels like it's been a while since I've been able to sit outside in the sun. Let's enjoy the nice weather while we can!

Our staff has been busy processing the \$1,500 COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment applications. Families should start to receive those payments in the mail. We know many families are hurting with lost wages and

increased spending on food and necessities throughout the pandemic. Staff is working hard to get the payments processed quickly.

Our eagle aviary project is coming along great. We continue to raise funds for the project and hope to break ground this fall.

As we continue to open up the government offices, more and more in person programming will be offered. We hope to see you at an event soon. Miigwetch for your patience throughout this pandemic.

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE HAS A MAIL DROP BOX

It is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. We will have limited quantities of adult and minor address forms stocked.

****Weather Permitting****

We will happily set aside an envelope with any specific form(s) you may need as well. Just give our office a call, and we will be more than happy to try to accommodate you.

All Enrollment services are available by appointment only. You may call or e-mail to work with our staff.

231-242-1521, 231-242-1522, 231-242-1520 or enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

Tribal Directories include adult name and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled before January 28, 2021, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

To receive your copy:

- ✓ Must include a copy of your Tribal Identification Card
- ✓ A \$5 check or money order payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians
- ✓ Choice of cover design. If you do not specify, we will choose for you!

Mail to: LTBB of Odawa Indians, ATTN: Enrollment Office
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enrollment Office
231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521
Fax 231-242-1526



Hoar Frost



Lake Plumbago



Peanut Butter Falls



We want your birthdays, anniversary wishes, congratulations, wedding announcements, birth announcements or a miigwetch!!
Surprise the ones you love with a thinking of you!

Submissions can be e-mailed to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



STAY CONNECTED!

Text "HigherEd" to 33222 to receive LTBB Higher Education updates and deadline reminders. Standard data and msg rates apply.

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

Please note that **ALL LTBB Governmental offices are closed on these dates, this includes Mskiki Gumik offices**



July 5, 2021 - 4th of July
September 6, 2021 - Adams Holiday
September 21, 2021 - Sovereignty Day
September 24, 2021 - Michigan Indian Day
October 11, 2021 - Indigenous Peoples Day
November 11, 2021 - Veteran's Day
November 25, 2021 - Thanksgiving
November 26, 2021 - Day after Thanksgiving
December 23, 2021 - Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021 - Christmas
December 30, 2021 - New Year's Eve

LTBB TOWN HALL MEETINGS



July 14, August 11
September 8, October 13
November 10 and December 8

For updates on time and LTBB Department agendas, follow the official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA

Town Hall meetings are held on ZOOM at www.tinyurl.com/ltbbtownhall Use passcode 002323

LTBB ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Address Verification Forms are now being accepted through Email & Fax.

- Forms must be completed in full
- Hardcopies **MUST** still be mailed in or left in outdoor mailbox located in front of Administration Building

 Enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

 231-242-1526

Office is open for appointments
For questions or appointments call:

231- 242-1522 – Katie
231-242-1521 – Marin
231-242-1520 – Pauline



TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The Tribal Notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

*****Tribal Notary Services are available by appointment only. See below for contact information.*****

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Phone Number (231)	Surety Bond Expiration	Serial Number
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	242-1418	February 20, 2027	02-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	242-1462	June 5, 2023	05-09
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	242-1400	February 21, 2027	10-09
Julie Rose Janiske	Active	242-1610	August 23, 2021	11-09
Marin C Taylor	Active	242-1521	May 14, 2024	13-09
Janice L Shackelford	Active	unavailable	February 16, 2026	14-09
Hayden Hooper	Active	242-1584	February 1, 2027	15-09
Lakota Washington	Active	242-1401	May 4, 2027	16-09



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA>.

Please be respectful in your comments.



July Elders Birthdays

July 1

Helene Esker
Gloria Uleski
Laura Johnson
Phillip Nadeau
John Dubiel

July 2

Kimberly Hines
Wayne Hardwick
Bernard Weidenfeller
Jeffrey Beaudin
Jim Naganashe

July 3

Lavern Cherette
Melvin Bonneau
James Nanegos
Parris Montez
Mary Poynter
Leo Strate, Sr.

July 4

Caryn VanDommelen
Troy Clark
Wendy Maisano
John Teuthorn
Marylin Genia
Donald Sloniker

July 5

Naomi Dolezal
James Sessions
John Sharkey
Clarence Daybird
Claude Cutler, Sr.
Brian Davis
Mary Eastling
Sandra Yoder
Terrilyn McComb

July 6

Vicki Dougherty
Georgia Wafer
Catherine Kaestner
Mary Pawneshing
Larry Boursaw

July 7

Arthur Brewer
Gregory Swanson
Carole Glomson
Howard Kischassey
Bryce Carver
Cynthia Baten

July 8

James Austin
Gail Niedling
Michael Perry
Vergil Williams

July 9

Leo Delmas
Raymond Beaver
Kelly Casey
Malcolm Williamson, Sr.
Gwen Scutt
Joyce Robertson

July 10

Sandra Walker
Mary Evans

July 11

Gerald Chingwa
Hermenia Boucek
Carmen Gay

July 12

Tracey Long
William McMillan, Sr.
Dorothy Gasco
Debra Haza

July 13

Darlene Rittenhouse

July 14

Theresa Henry
Viveca Thomas
Margie Pratt
Thomas Teuthorn

July 15

Stella Kay
Carol Kiogima
Terri Maass
Rochelle Ettawageshik

July 16

William Thompson
Dwight Smith
Michael Peters
Margaret Watkins

July 17

Fabian Wabanimkee, Jr.
John Hinmon
Mark Blumke
Roberta Foster
Calvin Strate, Jr.

July 18

Dorla McPeak
Margaret Hudson
James Joyner
Kimberly Symanski
Kenneth Dubiel

July 19

Robert Kildee
Frederick Holdorph
Kathy Denemy
Karl Cherry
Catherine Bradley
William Carver

July 20

Jean Trousdale
Brian Nichols
Alicia Stokes

July 21

Mary Bellone
David Thompson
Thomas Kilpatrick
Elsie LaPalm

July 22

Eva Hinmon
Audrey Hegenbarth
Lisa Flynn
Nancy Shananaquet
Mary Longstreet
Delores Bajt

July 23

Joel Kilborn
Mary Remley
Leanne Silvey
Charles Gould

July 24

Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet
Ronald Bottoms
Stephan Gasco
Bernadine Ross
Raymond Plier
Ricky Samson

July 25

Adeline Lyons
Bernice Suhr
Diana Rowlett
Ronald Sebeck
Kevin Schlappi

July 26

Patrice Cisco
Sandra Merrifield
Judith Woodaz
Debra Janney
Patricia Borck
Gary Kiogima
Robert Field

July 27

Darlyne Oakford
Lulubelle Shananaquet
Lonnie Chingwa
Debra Graveratte
Diane Eick
David Curto
Mary Meyers

July 28

Matthew Blumke
Craig Kahgee

July 29

Howard Bernard
Kenneth Harrington
Geraldine Smith

July 30

Michelle Hudson
Marty Carson
Scott Kiogima
Dean Lark
James Sharkey
Lisa Nolley

July 31

Matthew Davis
Rita Blacklock
Jane Hunt

ATTENTION WAGANAKISING ODAWAK



The Cultural Services Program has coordinated with local Cultural Keepers, LTBB Departments, and local businesses in order to create cultural packages for LTBB Citizens. These packages have been created as a way to stay safe during COVID-19, but continue events that would have otherwise been in-person. These packages are designed to connect our citizens to our culture while combating pandemic fatigue.

CULTURAL PACKAGE RAFFLE

- July, Moccasin Package
- August, Medicine Pouch Package
- September, Grave Crown Package

****Please note, per local Culture Keepers, grave crown making starts Oct. 1st****

- 40 CULTURAL PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH CATEGORY FOR LTBB CITIZENS WITHIN THE U.S.
- VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS WILL ACCOMPANY THESE CULTURAL PACKAGES
- SELECT DAYS & TIMES AVAILABLE FOR EXTRA HELP VIA ZOOM

REGISTRATION FOR EACH ACTIVITY WILL OPEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH & INDIVIDUAL FLYERS WILL FOLLOW WITH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For additional questions, please email:
culturalprogramming@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

EAT WELL BE WELL

SPECIALTY SERVICES:

- +Weight Management
- +Children's Health
- +Specialty Diets
- +Improve performance for all body types

The LTBB Community Health / Mnozhyaadaa Department is EXCITED to announce that our Dietitian is able to meet with patients via Zoom!

Recently, Charla Gordon, MA, RD, CDCES, CHES, completed her Certification for Well Coaches! So, if you need assistance in preparing your pantry, making healthier food choices, or to have someone work with you on making changes to improve your health, then contact Charla!

CGordon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Email Charla today to schedule an appointment!

PIPE OUT PADDLE UP FLOTILLA

shut down line 5

BRING AWARENESS TO ENBRIDGE'S LINE 5, THE PIPELINE THREATENING DESTRUCTION OF THE LARGEST SOURCE OF FRESH WATER IN THE WORLD

SEPTEMBER 4TH

8AM-12PM

102 W. STRAITS AVE, MACKINAW CITY, MI

**TRIBAL LEADERSHIP • FAMILY & DOG FRIENDLY • WATER CEREMONY
JIMAANS • PIPE CEREMONY • TRIBAL DRUM • JINGLE DANCERS**

PROTECT OUR GREAT LAKES, RESPECT THE WATERS, AND BRING AWARENESS TO THE DANGERS OF LINE 5!

FOOD AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED, BYO WATER BOTTLES



GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

BINESHIINHAK (BIRDS)

Study this Set B handout, complete the word search. Then, go online to play puzzles and games which go along with Birds Set B. Links for games are below. You can also visit LTBB Gijigowi Department's Facebook group "Daminawinan Anishinaabemang" (games in Anishinaabemowin) to access handouts and online games.

Bineshiinhak Set B Matching Game
<https://puzzel.org/en/matching-pairs/>

play?p=-MYlrlza90syhvxF5-qV
Bineshiinhak Set B Memory
<https://puzzel.org/en/memory/>
play?p=-MYlryj0q_8SToPd4f3p
Bineshiinhak Set B Word Search
<https://puzzel.org/en/wordseeker/>
play?p=-MYm4mK7OSbqTxK8CFf7
Bineshiinhak Set B Cross Word
<https://puzzel.org/en/crossword/>
play?p=-MYm4yCQdOr09rpopBat



LTBB Behavioral Health has an open *Talk-line* for community members.

If you are feeling a need to talk with someone, please reach out to us! Take advantage of this resource before experiencing a crisis.

The *Talk-line* is open from 8 AM to 5 PM and is staffed by a LTBB Behavioral Health counselor.

Call 231-242-1645 to speak to a counselor.



Migizi
Eagle (Bald)



Ginew
Golden Eagle



Gegek
Hawk



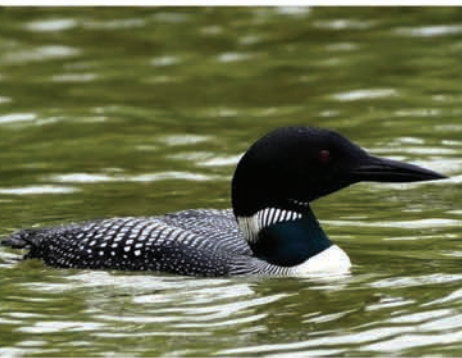
Gibwenesi
Hawk (goshawk)



Shagi
Great Blue Heron



Naanooshkaanhs
Hummingbird



Maang
Loon



Omiimii
Mourning Dove



Eshkimegwenh
Osprey



Gookookoo
Owl



Bine
Partridge



Gaagaakshiinh
Raven

Ebiimoshin

(modern phrase to say "e-mail me")

Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List - One word at a time - E-mails sent of a single word or phrase with MP3 audio sound attached.

Anishinaabemowin E-mail List - In addition to the Bibezhik Kidwin e-mails, you'll also receive occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of Language or Cultural Activities, Classes, Events or General Information and News.

Send us an e-mail, and we'll add you to the "Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List" or the "Anishinaabemowin E-mail List." Carla Osawamick (McFall) at cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



Medicaid

Are You:

Currently not eligible for Medicaid?
19-64 years old?
Not eligible for Medicare?
Not pregnant?
Making under \$15,000 for a family of 1 or making under \$34,000 for a family of 4?

If you have answered "YES" to these questions, you may qualify for Medicaid due to the Michigan Medicaid Expansion: Healthy Michigan!! Please contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 for assistance.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGE

Due to HUD guidelines, the Housing Department is required to do an environmental review regardless of the work being done. The process of these reviews can take up to three to six months; we cannot proceed until this process has been completed. Please be aware there is a possibility the review could come back with a negative impact, in which case, could be cause for denial.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department



Don't miss out on the sounds of life.

Hearing aid assistance is now processed through the Health Department. Call to see if you qualify! 231-242-1600

SMILE WITH CONFIDENCE

Elders Dental Assistance Program is now processed through the Health Department! Call to see if you qualify! 231-242-1600



Bineshiinh'ik
Birds [Bi ne shiinh ik]

Answer key
on page 31.

A	A	I	M	N	O	O	S	N	A	N	G	S	H	I	I	N	H	S
H	N	E	K	I	B	Z	I	A	H	W	A	G	I	M	H	C	A	A
H	N	E	S	A	A	P	G	A	B	S	A	N	H	I	N	H	A	M
N	M	I	H	H	J	I	G	A	A	A	A	I	I	G	S	I	I	A
N	H	N	N	I	N	S	K	A	G	G	I	A	G	A	N	I	I	P
B	I	M	E	E	Z	A	A	A	N	O	I	N	E	I	G	Z	N	O
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A	B	A	G	A	A	K	A	K	O	S	I	H	A	A	S	K	A	C
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I	S	O	I	Z	I	H	Z	H	A	Z	O	N	K	G	K	E	Z	M
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J	N	G	H	A	G	O	H	C	M	E	O	J	N	O	A	A	G	A
H	I	I	S	E	N	E	W	B	I	G	I	G	I	A	N	A	I	I
C	N	D	E	C	A	B	I	A	G	P	J	I	I	M	A	E	M	O
A	H	E	O	O	A	G	P	I	I	C	H	E	N	J	G	N	O	Z
M	I	G	N	A	M	A	S	E	Z	H	K	W	A	A	I	I	A	G
K	A	A	E	S	A	D	G	O	I	G	A	H	S	H	S	B	Z	I
I	A	I	N	B	I	N	E	S	H	I	I	N	H	A	A	N	I	I

Write in Translation, Then Find Anishinaabemowin in Word Search

ginew	_____	gibwenesi	_____
bine	_____	gookookoo	_____
gegek	_____	eshkimegwenh	_____
maang	_____	omiimii	_____
shagi	_____	gaagaakshiinh	_____
migizi	_____	naanooshkaanhs	_____

ANISHINAABEMOWIN ZOOM CLASS WRAP-UP



By Maryann Endanawas, Project Instructor/Fluent Speaker

Aanii, Gidinmakoonim kina. Nzaagtoon ndinwewin.

Nginiizhoogaabwimi giikinoomaageyaang Anishinaabemowin ensa Ntam-Nokii-Giizhgak minwaa Niiwo-Giizhgak, ngodbaganek-shi-aabta minik ngiikinomaagemi.

Ngiinwaamdaan gaazhishki'ewzi-waad aapiji gwa maamiikwendam minwaa maamiikwenmak minik gaadek-endmowaad dinwewniwaa.

Giwiingeziwok, giiketnaamziwok, giinaadmaadwok, wii'anishinaabemowaad minwaa wii'anishinaabemtaadwaad.

Nsidwaamjigaade ezhizaagtowaad minwaa ezhimnaadendimowaad gdinwewninaa minwaa Nishinaabe aadzi-

win.

Kchimiigwech gidinim, giizhisemgak wide kenmingook minwaa wiidekinomoongook Gdinwewni-naa.

Ni'aabzikaak pane minwaa miin-gowezik nbwaakawin.

Hello, greetings everyone. I love my language.

We team taught our language every Monday and Thursday evenings for an hour and a half.

I witnessed success, and I am honored and proud of how much the students acquired during these classes.

They were attentive and persevered by helping each other to speak Anishinaabemowin with basic dialogue.

You can recognize the love and respect they have for Anishinaabemowin and culture.

I would like to say a big thank you for giving me the opportunity to get to know you and share our language with each of you.

Please continue with your studies in Anishinaabemowin and share your knowledge with others.

By Netawn Kiogima, Language Instructor

We had an amazing time teaching virtual Anishinaabemowin to the community. The

pandemic didn't allow for in-person classes, so we adapted and started delivering community classes via Zoom. It was a great success, and a lot of fun. We had approximately 50 students:

- Various age ranges
- Various learning levels
- Family participation
- Different tribal communities
- Approximately half were LTBB Tribal Citizens

- 2 LTBB Tribal Council members
- 8 LTBB Tribal Employees
- Special kudos to the whole Waaniigaanzijik Youth Department staff who attended every class!

If you missed out on Zoom classes, see our flyer on fall classes. We will be launching a free online program of full semester language classes in September. Registration for our new online classes is happening now, e-mail aank-

	1. Miinaande/zhoominaande mkizin		6. Makade'aande pabwin
	2. Gini'aande ziisabaakdoons		7. Zhaawsh-kwaande biiskawaagan
	3. Koosmaan-aande mdaas		8. Giizhigo'aande miiknot
	4. Ozaawaande babgweyaan		9. Waabshkaande wiigwaam
	5. Mskwaande mzinigan		10. Aki'aande dopwin

WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help. Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system. Please be aware it takes approximately 3 to 4 months to gain federal approval of your application.

PLEASE NOTE:

The LTBB Grants Department works with LTBB Departments to obtain external funds for ongoing and special programming, services and resources for the tribal community. Please contact the respective LTBB Department for information on programming that may be of interest to you.

wadong@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Miigwech aapiji kina wiya, thank you very much everybody.

Courtesy graphics.

Nongwa - Today
Wegnesh gojiing ezhwebak?
1. Mnoglizhgat - it's a nice day
2. Gimiwan - it's raining
3. Zookpo - it's snowing
4. Nchiwat - it's stormy
5. Ningwaankwat - it's cloudy
6. Noodin - it's windy
7. Nimkiikaa - it's thundering
8. Waasesemigat - it's lightening
9. Niiskaadat - it's bad weather
10. Tikaasin - it's cold wind
11. Mkomnaanwan - it's hailing
12. Goonkaa - there is snow
13. Mkomiiikaa - it's icy
14. Tkeyaa - it's cool
15. Aawan - it's foggy
16. Aabwa - it's mild
17. Mzhaakwat - it's clear
18. Giizhgaate - there is moonlight
19. Gzhaate - it's a hot day
20. Zookpwasoon - it's lightly snowing



MIIN GIIZIS - BERRY MOON

JULY: DIBAAJIMOOWAANH (A LITTLE STORY)

By **Maryann Endanawas**,
Project Instructor/Fluent
Speaker

Ensa naakshik ngii'aaw-
doobiimi nwiikaane minwaa
niin. Giigaachiinhi niin nda-
koonhsim. Ngoding dash aaw-
doobiiyaang miisa giizikset
ndakik. Miidash giigchibaapid
nwiikaane. "Aambe" kida,
"Geyaabi ngoding kamooshki-
nebnaana gdakoons."

Every evening, my brother
and I had to get water. I had a
small pail. Then, one time as
we were getting water, I spilled
my water container. My broth-
er laughed. "Come on," he said,
"Let's go fill it again."

Miisa wewiip kiidaap-
nak ndakik, geyaabi bangii
giite nbiish. Miidash ekidat
nwiikaane "Baabiimskowebish
gdakoons, gaawii dasiiksesnoo
nbi."

Then, I picked up my pail
and there was still a little bit of
water in it. Then, my brother
said, "Swing your pail around,
no water will spill out."

Aaw miisa genii bizind-
wok niikwejitoon wiibiims-

kowebnaak. Shtaahaa miiksha
gaazhishkitoowaanh! Ngiig-
chibaabaapmi miigo minwaa
kwejtowaanh.

So, I listened, and I really
want to try and swing my water
pail over my head. My good-
ness, I did it! We laughed so
hard, and I kept trying.

Ngdoing dash biimskow-
ebnaak kik miisa giinoondwok
goyaa, "Wegnesh enankiiyek"?
ndigoomi.

Then, all of a sudden, we
heard someone speak, "What
are you's doing?" they said to
us.

Ngiishkomik Noos, mi-
idash giibigidak ndakik pane
oodi ginim'aashi nikeyiing
naaniibwit. Miidash oodi
zidaang giinaaniibwiset ndakik
minwaa nbiish giiswe'aasin.

My Dad startled me, and
I let go of my pail, it went fly-
ing towards him. Then, it land-
ed right before his feet, water
spilled all over.

Ngiibgidoon'nendiz, ngi-
ignawaabmaa nwiikaane, mi-
dash giigchibaapyaang. Giim-
ide zhoomiingweni Noosinaa,
negaach shaashwenbeni. Mi-



idash giigiigidat nwiikaane,
"Gaawiin njida Bapaa" ndinaan
sa.

I covered my mouth,
looked at my brother, then, we
laughed. We see our Dad with
a grin and shaking his head.
Then, my brother said, "I'm
sorry Dad," he told him.

Miidash giinkwetwaat
Noos, "Gegwaa nshinaach-
tookegwaa nbi. Ngoding da-
noondese, aabdek kagiishkna-
doonaawaa." ngiigoomi.

Then, my Dad answered,
"Don't waste water. One day,
you will need to buy it," he told
us.

Aanwi gwa gii-
waawnendaagot wepii. Nongo
debwemigat gaazhimkwami-
go'aangba.

Although at that time, it
was funny. Today, the lesson is
learned.

Courtesy graphic.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS HONORED AT 2021 BAY MILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications
Coordinator

Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) in
Brimley, MI, held a commencement ceremony on
May 14, 2021.

Since the 2020 commencement ceremony
was not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic,
2020 and 2021 graduates were honored at the
2021 commencement ceremony.

The following LTBB Tribal Citizens received
diplomas for their participation in the Nishnaabe-
mwin Pane Immersion Program (NPIP), also
called Pane (puh-nay) meaning "always":



Walking left to right in the courtesy photo are
Maanii Tall Cloud, Carol Kiogima and Jane
Martell.



Carol McFall

- Carol McFall,
4-Year NPIP Diploma
(walking in 2022).
- Susan Gasco,
4-Year NPIP Diploma
(walking in 2022).
- Maanii Tall
Cloud, 4-Year NPIP
Diploma.
- Jane Martell, 2-Year NPIP Diploma.

- Carol Kiogima, 2-Year NPIP Diploma.
- Jane Martell and Carol Kiogima said they will
continue to learn the language through the pro-
gram.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Steve Shenoskey was
honored with the 2020 Frank Hugo Award. His
PANE instructors are extremely pleased by how
much and how well he speaks the Anishinaabe
language and impressed that he takes the time to
help his fellow students.

Carla Osawamick, the Director of the LTBB
Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Depart-
ment, received the 2021 Frank Hugo award for
her many years of work in language revitalization
efforts. She earned an Associates in

Anishinaabemowin Instruction in 2003 and a
6-year NPIP immersion diploma in 2019.

"It is always exciting to attend the BMCC
commencement ceremony when we honor NPIP
graduates of the LTBB community. As a result of
the pandemic, students from outside of the area
are now able to take the language classes via Zoom.
The LTBB satellite site for NPIP immersion classes
is quite successful, and it's inspiring that the lan-
guage is being carried on. Our community is well
represented in the arena of language revitaliza-
tion," Carla Osawamick said.

Previous recipients of the Frank Hugo Award
include LTBB Tribal Citizens, Gwen Teuthorn in
2018 and Renee "Wasson" Dillard in 2019.

Honorable mention went to LTBB Tribal
Citizen Dollie Keway, who completed the 6-year
NPIP diploma program in 2020.

Jordan Shananaquet, Niigaandwin Education
Department Director, serves as the Chairperson
on the BMCC Board of Regents and attended the
commencement.

Courtesy photos.



Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Renee "Wasson" Dillard, Carol Kiogima, Kenny Martell,
Jane Martell, Maanii Tall Cloud, Carla Osawamick and Jordan Shananaquet.

LTBB Gijigowi Language Department
Niibing (Summer) Language Tables
ALL are welcome, NO experience necessary
Come ask questions, learn new words,
or just sit and listen!
Featuring Master Language Speakers;
Maryann Endanawas & Isadore Toulouse

We are asking all of the B1 Maajtaajig & B2 Shkinishnaabemjig Zoom Class Students to Participate.

- Waabigoni Giizis (June) 16, 2021
6-8pm EST
- (Tentative dates) Miin Giizis (July) 14, 2021
Mnomin Giizis (August) 11, 2021
6-8pm EST

ZOOM
[https://ltbbodawa.zoom.us/j/9901470213?](https://ltbbodawa.zoom.us/j/9901470213?pwd=dmFieGRDNFUyL3o4RllUZ1RUT3E1UT09)
[pwd=dmFieGRDNFUyL3o4RllUZ1RUT3E1UT09](https://ltbbodawa.zoom.us/j/9901470213?pwd=dmFieGRDNFUyL3o4RllUZ1RUT3E1UT09)
Meeting I.D.: 990 147 0213

CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS FROM LTBB COMMUNITY

LTBB Aankwadong Project, of the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department (GALD), is still looking for photographs from community members to use in the development of their online classes. The goal is to have as many different individuals, families and areas represented as possible. For a complete list of photos needed, please go to <https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/departments/language/> Please note that all photos need to be originals, taken by either the person submitting them or their relative. Photos must be clear, good quality digital photos.

Email your photo(s) to Eva Oldman, Aankwadong Project Coordinator, at eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Please include your name, phone contact, name of person who took the photo and name of person in the photo.

Miigwech for contributing and supporting this exciting project!

Anishinaabemowin
PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM
Language Weekends-Summer Semester 2021

Wenesh Pii? When?

June 25, 26, 27
July 9, 10, 11
August 20, 21, 22

Aapiish? Where?

Online - Zoom

Aaniish epiichak? What time?

Fridays, 1 - 8 pm
Saturdays, 9 am - 7 pm
Sundays, 9 am - 1 pm

Register for 8 credits (5 weekends) or 6 credits (4 weekends)

Opportunity for make-up hours include midweek classes and Bay Mills weekends

For more information, call Gijigowi Language Department at 231-242-1457 or e-mail langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov In partnership with Bay Mills Community College

LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts Facebook Group called "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

We will post materials for language learning, announcements and flyers. Materials will be accessible on the group page under the "Photos" tab or the "Files" tab. PowerPoints with audio and PDF's are downloadable.

- Search our name and "Join."
- Add your family and friends.
- Post Comments and Language Items.

For more information, contact Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457 or toll free 1-866-652-5822 or e-mail LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



During our safe period, we (LTBB Tribal Citizen Cathy Bradley and her husband, Bob) focused on our gardens. Pictured here is our big garden. We also have a smaller garden along with berry gardens of strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries. We grew broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Kale, lettuce, spinach, pumpkins, squash, cucumbers, red and white potatoes, corn, brussel sprouts, green beans, peas, beets, tomatoes, green peppers, jalapenos, Hungarian sweet peppers, Poblano peppers and our berries. We were busy canning, freezing and eating good! We shared, too! *Courtesy photo.*

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

JUNE 2021 RESOURCES

Compiled by the Intertribal Council of Michigan

Dear LTBB,
Through your participation in the Walmart Healthy Nutrition and/or the MI Tribal Food Access Coalition Projects, we have compiled a set of resources for each month in 2021. The resources are focused on healthy eating using ingredients found at your local grocery store, farmer's market or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations site.

- The sixth set - June 2021 - includes:
- Spinach Salad with Strawberry Vinaigrette Recipe link
 - Strawberry Oatmeal Breakfast Bowl Recipe
 - 13 Moons Anishinaabe Nutrition project – "Tree is our Relative"
 - 2020 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics -



Eat right Essentials: *Eating Healthy on a Budget:* "Make Your Own" Handout

- 2020 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics – Eat right Essentials: *Nutrient Library* "Vitamin A"
 - June *Harvest of the Month* handout – Asparagus by Groundworks, MSUE, FoodCorps MI and Farm to School NW MI/TBA-ISD.
- You can view these at www.odawatrails.com
Courtesy photo.

NEW MIDWIFERY COMPONENT OFFERED IN MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAM



LTBB has had a Maternal Health program for several years, which serves LTBB citizens in addition to other tribal members in the area. It is a prenatal educational curric-

ulum that continues through post-partum and serves the children through age five.

The Intertribal Council of Michigan has added a midwifery component to the program. A pilot program will begin in Petoskey, MI, with hopes of having other programs follow throughout Michigan.

This program will not replace OB/GYN care, and we will not be participating in births. It will add a larger educational component with emphasis on Native American teachings and medical problems that tend to be more predominant among the Native population. It is our hope the program will demonstrate that the additional time spent

with our families will improve certain pregnancy outcomes. Some of the areas covered will include special emphasis on families, home-life, depression, nutrition, substance abuse and will be individually designed for each client. There will also be a large emphasis on breast feeding, and we will provide support along with frequent post-partum visits.

Carol Sodman-Morris, a Nurse Midwife and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, will be the practitioner for the program. Carol has worked as a nurse for five years with the Healthy Start Program. If you have inquiries or questions, please call Carol at 231-268-1733.

Courtesy photo.

33rd Annual
**Michigan Indian
Family Olympics**

Tribe vs Tribe ONLINE Competition

July 12-16, 2021

- Each Tribe will compete in their own community.
- Tribal Coordinator will designate times to participate in the events.
- We encourage performing the events with your Tribal coordinator in person, however if you are not able to you can submit your results to them.
- Look for more information on events soon!
- Contact your local Tribal coordinator for more information.

Pre-register at:
www.sagchip.org/mifo/

Registration will open:
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Score/results deadline:
All event scores/results are to be submitted to your coordinator by Friday, July 16 at 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
"Working Together for Our Future"

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
989-775-4000
www.sagchip.org

FAMILY
Each participant will receive a 2021 MIFO T-shirt

MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

NATIONWIDE

REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOTH B AND D PREMIUM EXPENSES

WHO QUALIFIES?
To qualify for this program, you must:

1. Be an enrolled member of LTBB
2. Be enrolled in Medicare
3. Show proof of Medicare premium expenses

DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REQUIRED

! IMPORTANT INFORMATION !

YEARLY APPLICATION DEADLINES:
FIRST PAYMENT: **FEBRUARY 14TH**
SECOND PAYMENT: **AUGUST 14TH**

APPLICATION **PROCESSING** BEGINS JANUARY 1ST AND JULY 1ST. CHECKS CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO BE SENT OUT DEPENDING ON VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS. PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE WORK TO SEND PAYMENTS OUT TO ALL OUR ELIGIBLE TRIBAL CITIZENS. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE **NOT** BE ACCEPTED.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT VALORIE GLAZIER, LTBB SPONSORSHIP SPECIALIST, AT 231-242-1748

LTBB Pharmacy

Hours: Monday – Friday 8 am – 6 pm
Phone: 231-242-1750

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

- Prescriptions written by LTBB Clinic Providers
- Prescriptions written by providers where you have been referred to by the LTBB Clinic

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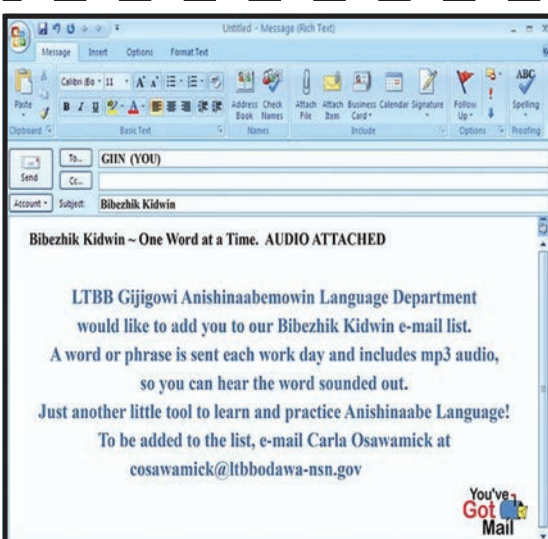
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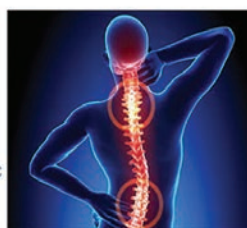
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Read a magazine	A book set in a place you'd like to visit	Water, lake, ocean, river or stream	Activity: Swap books with a friend	A book about animals
Read on a Sunday	A book you can read in a day	Activity: Pick up litter and/or recycle		Boats, fish, fishing, or swimming

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- 2) One title can be used to fill **ONLY TWO spaces**. No title repeats from Mnookmi BINGO.
- 3) Each BINGO (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal) receives one entry into prize drawing, but you are only eligible to win ONE incentive prize.
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Mnookmi Book BINGO begins June 1st through July 23rd. BINGO cards available on the Education Dept. Forms Directory on the LTBB website. Or call 231-242-1487 or email cepetoskey@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov with questions.

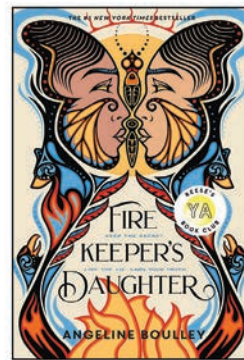
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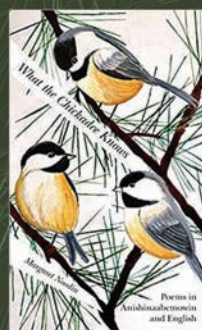
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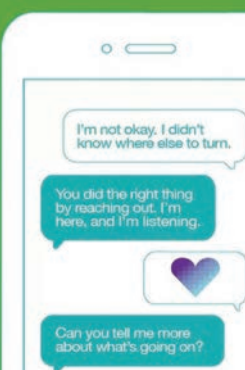
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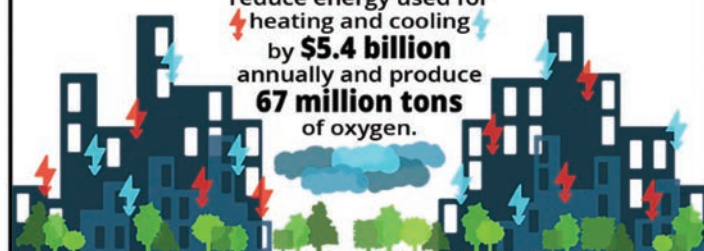


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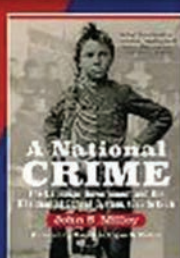
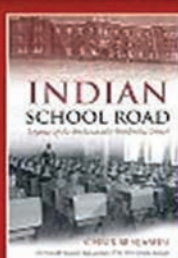
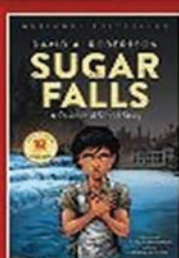
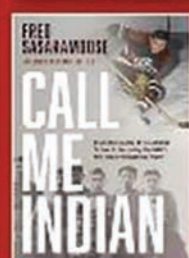
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NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

BEACH SAMPLING FOR JUVENILE LAKE WHITEFISH

Submitted by the Great Lakes Fisheries Program

Late spring/early summer is the time for the Great Lakes Fisheries Program to head to the beach.

When lake whitefish spawn in November, their eggs winter-over under the ice and wait for ice-off to hatch out. Once their yolk sacs are gone, they move out of their rocky beds and towards sandy, near-shore areas as nursery habitat. They will stay in the shallower water, feasting on zooplankton and growing as fast as they can until early August when they move away from the beach to deeper, colder waters.

In order for us to learn about these early-life stages, and what role they play in recruiting to the older whitefish populations in the lake, we look at water quality, weight and length, diet/stomach content and zooplankton levels.

We use several methods of sampling, but all are deployed in up to chest deep water just off certain area beaches. Our neuston net is manually pulled through the water to capture larval whitefish. When they become too big and fast for that net, we drag our 150-foot seine out into the water and sweep it back towards shore, capturing the bigger juvenile whitefish. We subsample the fish we capture, and count/measure and return the rest of the fish to the lake, unharmed.

These fish are crucial in expanding our understanding of why the lake whitefish continue to decline in the Great Lakes. Our goal is to see if problems occur in their young development stages which lead to poor recruitment, and then focus on what (if anything) can be done to help improve their chances of survival.

Photos by Fisheries Research Technician Serena Lake.



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If you catch a pike, walleye or carp with a yellow, orange, or green external tag, please release the fish so we can continue to learn about the movement patterns of these fish. If you harvest a tagged fish, please contact Bay Mills Biological Services so we can retrieve and re-use the internal tag.




Internal tag – found inside body cavity

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For any questions or to report a tag, please call 906-248-8654

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Commission is looking for LTBB tribal citizens with an interest in Great Lakes Commercial Gill Net Fishing

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NATIVE NEWS

GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO EXPAND HOUSING IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

Governor Gretchen Whitmer today (March 25, 2021) announced the Michigan Strategic Fund has approved investment for a housing development project to support growth and economic recovery. The project is expected to generate a total capital investment of \$25.3 million, create 24 full-time equivalent jobs and bring much-needed housing to critical neighborhoods in Traverse City, MI.

GLC Northern Michigan Pine, LLC plans to construct a four-story, mixed-use development in Traverse City, MI, which will consist of up to 91 units of mixed-income residential rental housing and underground parking with commercial space on the first floor. Located at 309 W. Front St. in downtown, the project will also include more than 3,000 feet of new public boardwalk along the Boardman River which will provide a visual as well as public connection to the existing waterfront access along the river.

The project is expected to generate a total capital investment of \$25.3 million and create 24 full-time equivalent jobs, resulting in a \$2.9 million MCRP loan participation. The project will bring to life a long-vacant piece of property in Traverse City, MI, serving as a cornerstone to West Front St. and providing a much-needed



housing option in downtown to both retain and attract talent. The project will also further enhance a sense of place in Traverse City, MI, and by bringing new residents to the downtown, will support existing businesses and drive new economic activity in the area.

Traverse City, MI, is supporting the project with approval of the local portion of an existing brownfield work plan valued at \$243,700 and a Downtown Development Authority contribution of \$3.5 million to support the creation of public sidewalk systems, streetscape, front street bridge repair, buried power lines and the long-term creation of a new public parking deck. The city of Traverse City, MI, is certified with MEDC's RRC program.

Courtesy graphic.

ENBRIDGE PIPELINE SHOWDOWN LOOMS IN MICHIGAN

By Mary Annette Pember

Editor's note: The following article appeared on *Indian Country Today* and is reprinted here with permission.

When Enbridge Line 5 was built in 1953, the notion of tribal consultation was often overlooked by states and corporations.

In those days, pipeline construction was a simple matter. The company paid the state of Michigan \$2,450 for an easement for a portion of its pipeline on the lake bottom of the Straits of Mackinac.

Today, however, the state of Michigan and 12 tribes are demanding more from Enbridge than money; they want accountability, meaningful consultation and the right to stop the flow of oil through the aging pipeline.

Treaties — long-ignored and often drawn out in extended court fights — may be key to the dispute.

After winning reaffirmation of treaty rights in federal court during the 1970s and 1980s, Michigan tribes have been actively exerting and protecting their rights to hunt and fish in unpoluted ceded territory as guaranteed by the Treaty of 1836.

Now, a showdown is looming over Enbridge's continued operation of Line 5 as well as its plans to build a tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac to house a segment of the pipeline.

Enbridge officials say they have tried repeatedly to open dialogue with Michigan tribal governments and insist the company supports the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"We always strive to establish good faith engagement processes in line with the concept of free, prior and informed consent," Enbridge spokesperson Michael Barnes wrote in an e-mail to *Indian Country Today*.

Tribal leaders, however, say otherwise.

"All of the tribal nations here in Michigan know that Enbridge's efforts at consultation are disingenuous," said Whitney Gravelle, President of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

"When they reach out to us, it is only to try to convince us that what Enbridge wants is what the tribes should want; they've never made a good faith effort to listen to tribal nations and ask what we want."

The company has ignored orders by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to stop the flow of oil through the pipeline, claiming only the federal courts can enact such an order. The

state of Michigan wants the matter sent to a state court.

Enbridge and the state of Michigan are engaged in court-ordered mediation talks, but no deadline has been set for the talks.

According to a report in Yahoo!Finance, retired U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen, appointed to oversee the talks, said recently, "The parties and I are continuing discussions and we anticipate further sessions together."

Potential for "Unfathomable Damage"

Line 5 is part of the Canadian company's massive Lakehead pipeline system, which also includes the hotly contested Line 3 replacement project in Minnesota.

Line 3 originates in Hardisty, Ontario, and travels southeast through Minnesota to Superior, WI. Line 5 begins its 645-mile run in Superior at Enbridge's manifold and runs through northern Wisconsin, parts of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa reservation, east through Michigan's Upper Peninsula and under the Straits of Mackinac, to terminate, finally, in Sarnia, Ontario.

The line carries up to 540,000 barrels per day of light crude oil and synthetic crude as well as natural gas liquids such as propane. About four miles of the line rest underwater on the lake bottom of the Straits of Mackinac.

In 2018 and 2019, the line was struck by ship anchors in the Straits' busy shipping lanes. Although no oil was spilled during these accidents, opponents note Line 5 has leaked in other areas, releasing more than 1 million gallons of oil in various spots in the past 50 years.

According to Line 5 critics, a spill in the Straits would be catastrophic: Oil would spread over a great distance, polluting Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and other waterways.

Critics also point to Enbridge's 2010 Line 6B spill in which 3.3 million gallons of tar sands oil leaked into the Kalamazoo River.

Now, Enbridge wants to build a massive \$500 million underground tunnel to house the underwater portions of Line 5. Some experts, however, say the final cost of the tunnel could be as much as \$2 billion.

Michigan's 12 tribes have long opposed Line 5, claiming a spill in the Straits of Mackinac would have catastrophic impacts on the environment, water, fish and wildlife, endangering tribal members' abilities to practice their subsistence ways of life protected under the Treaty of 1836. The straits connect Lake Michigan and Lake Huron.

"Enbridge" continued on page 15.

EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION



The LTBB Natural Resource Department is pleased to announce that after years of work on the issue, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently changed its policy to allow federally recognized tribes to keep eagle remains found in Indian country. Tribal citizens who encounter eagle remains or feathers within the LTBB reservation boundaries may be able to retain them for culturally significant use. Any deceased eagle encountered must be reported to LTBB Conservation Enforcement immediately for investigation prior to moving or taking the eagle.

For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department at: 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 231-242-1670 E-mail: dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department Lead to Non-Lead Transition

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PHOTO OF BALLISTIC GELATIN



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- LTBB NRD seeks to reduce the amount of lead deposits that remain in harvested animals consumed by people and disposed of parts consumed by wild animals, causing a potential harmful effect.



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“*Enbridge*” continued from page 14.

Joining the Michigan tribes in signing resolutions asking for the decommissioning of Line 5 include the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the National Congress of the American Indians and several other tribal coalitions.

“The unfathomable damage that Line 5 could inflict upon our treaty-protected waters, cultural resources, and critical plant and fish populations is too great to justify the pipeline’s continued operation or potential replacement,” Gravelle said.

A Way of Life

Tribes ceded more than 13 million acres of land in the Treaty of 1836. The treaty, however, guaranteed tribes hunting, fishing and gathering rights on the lands and waters in perpetuity. This includes the Straits of Mackinac.

For many Native people in the region, hunting and fishing continues to be a way of life, a reliable means to feed themselves and their families. For the Bay Mills Indian Community in Brimley, MI, for instance, fishing generates income for 50% of tribal households.

“Our ancestors knew that by securing those treaty rights (to hunt, fish and gather), they were securing a way of life for us, so we continue to provide for our people,” Gravelle said.

Since their treaty rights were affirmed in federal court, Michigan tribes are now involved along with the state in managing the waters of the upper Great Lakes.

The tribes are fully aware environmental damage to the area could threaten their 1836 treaty rights.

“If there’s no healthy ecosystem and habitat for fish to survive, there is no longer any treaty right to fish,” Gravelle said.

Community Outreach

Enbridge says it is reaching out to the tribes. As part of its Indigenous Peoples Policy, Enbridge hires tribally owned businesses to monitor operations, perform cultural studies and assist in engagement, according to Barnes.

Bay Mills tribal leadership sent out a letter to its citizens in January informing them they had received a letter from a contractor, Dirt Divers, seeking tribal cultural resource information surrounding and within the Straits of Mackinac.

“More often than not, throughout history, tribal resources and artifacts have been looted and stolen, only to be sold to museums for profit,” Gravelle wrote in the letter. “Bay Mills Indian Community will only proceed when the proper safety measures have been identified to protect that which was left to us by our ancestors.”

Dirt Divers was offering between \$300 to \$500 per hour to work on cultural surveys, Gravelle said. She asked tribal citizens in her letter to inform the tribe’s legal department if they are contacted by Dirt Divers.

According to its website, Dirt Divers is 100% Native owned. James Jones, Jr., whose tribal affiliation is listed as Ojibwe, is described as the owner and project manager.

In an e-mailed response to *Indian Country Today*, Jones wrote, “My company is not hiring tribal monitors in Michigan. Not sure where you got your information.”

Dirt Divers and other companies have hired tribal citizens on the Bad River Reservation in Wisconsin and in other Native communities in Minnesota along Line 3 to work as tribal monitors, according to Enbridge.

“It’s immoral of Enbridge to corner people who are struggling financially, especially since the pandemic and offer them money to give up a piece of themselves as an Indigenous person,” Gravelle said. “That amount of money means nothing to the company.”

Gravelle said Enbridge’s motivation in collecting cultural and archaeological information may be to speed up the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ permitting process, which includes creating a cultural survey.

By presenting the Corps with a completed cultural survey, the company could possibly circumvent months of tribal consultation, research and archaeological findings, she said.

Ongoing Court Fights

The legal fights continue. The Bay Mills tribe, represented by the Native American Rights Fund and Earth Justice, is challenging a permit issued to Enbridge by the Michigan Department of En-

vironment, Great Lakes and Energy which allows the company to build the tunnel under the straits.

The Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi have signed friends-of-the-court briefs supporting the state’s notice of revocation and termination of the 1953 easement for Line 5.

The four tribes have also signed friends-of-the-court briefs in support of the lawsuit by the state of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to move the legal action over Line 5 to state court.

In addition to several environmental organizations, 16 states have also signed friends-of-the-court briefs.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Wisconsin is also suing Enbridge. In addition to demanding the company remove the existing portion of Line 5 which travels through the reservation, the tribe is seeking \$45 million in damages for trespassing and restitution.

According to the tribe’s lawsuit, Enbridge wrongfully obtained profits from unauthorized use of the Band’s lands since the expiration of pipeline easements in 2013.

Enbridge offered the tribe \$24 million to settle the lawsuit, but tribal leaders declined.

And, the Bay Mills tribe recently voted to banish Enbridge Line 5 from its ceded territories. As a sovereign nation, the tribe is asking other regulatory bodies such as the federal government to enforce the banishment order.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi passed a resolution on May 21 designating the Straits of Mackinac as a traditional cultural property making it eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

What’s at Stake

Whitmer, who promised to shut down Line 5 during her 2018 campaign for governor, described the underwater portions of Line 5 as a ticking time bomb in a recent opinion piece in the *Washington Post*.

“I’m taking every action I can to shut them down, to protect two Great Lakes and the jobs that depend on them,” she wrote.

Whitmer described how she filed a lawsuit in November 2020, notifying Enbridge the state of Michigan was terminating the 1953 easement and ordering the company to stop the flow of oil by May 12, 2021.

Since Enbridge has continued to run oil through the pipeline, Whitmer said the state “will make every effort to disgorge the company of all profits unjustly earned from Line 5 while trespassing on state land.”

Shutting down Line 5, however, will require adjustments. The state is taking steps to prevent price-gouging and help to change Michigan’s wholesale propane supply, Whitmer wrote. Although most of the petroleum products flowing through Line 5 go directly to Sarnia, parts of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula rely on the line for propane.

In conclusion, Whitmer wrote, “Enbridge is flat wrong in its absurd argument that Michigan, having said yes in the 1950s, cannot say no today.”

Aaron Payment, Chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, which is one of the 12 Michigan tribes challenging the pipeline, said the project offers little to people in the region.

“This is a Canadian company,” Payment told *Indian Country Today*. “Most of the oil in that pipeline doesn’t benefit Michigan. If we aren’t getting a large return on investment to the easement, what’s in it for us? Virtually nothing.”

Payment said the industry needs to move away from fossil fuels.

“We are entering a new era of clean energy; oil is a dying industry,” he said. “Why would we invest hundreds of millions of dollars to construct a tunnel that will be phased out in 10 years because we will no longer be relying on fossil fuels?”

“Who will be on the hook,” he continued, “for that tunnel’s price tag?”

Mary Annette Pember, a citizen of the Red Cliff Ojibwe tribe, is a national correspondent for Indian Country Today.

Courtesy photos and graphic on page 16.

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



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For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can visit the LTBB Website www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.



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A Broken System: The Number of Indigenous People Who Died From Coronavirus May Never Be Known

From medical health privacy laws to a maze of siloed information systems, the true impact of COVID-19 on American Indian and Alaska Natives is impossible to calculate.

By Jourdan Bennett-Begaye, Sunnie Clahchischiligi and Christine Trudeau

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In May of 2020, the Navajo Nation reported one of the highest per-capita COVID-19 infection rates in the United States. Since that milestone, official data reveal that the Navajo Nation has been one of the hardest-hit populations since the pandemic began. The Navajo Nation boasts the largest population of any Indigenous nation in the United States, and thousands of Navajos live outside the nation, in towns along the border, cities across the country, and in other parts of the world, making it difficult to tally the virus' impacts on Navajo citizens.



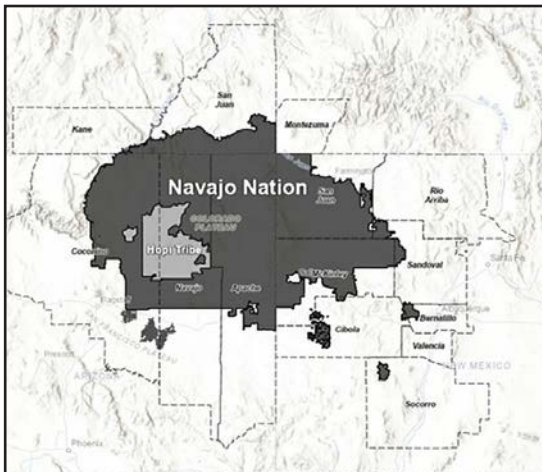
It's made worse by a labyrinthian system of local, state, federal and tribal data-reporting systems that often do not communicate with each other or share information. In an effort to come up with a more reliable fatality count, reporters with the *Indigenous Investigative Collective* (IIC) made multiple public-records requests for death records held by state medical examiners of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. Those requests focused on the counties on or adjacent to the Navajo Nation where many Navajo families live. The states rejected those requests, citing privacy concerns, preventing independent analysis of those records to determine death rates. Experts also cite pervasive misidentification of race and ethnicity of victims at critical data collection points, making the true toll of the pandemic on the Navajo Nation impossible to ever know.

The *Indigenous Investigative Collective* has found that those data problems extend nationwide. As of June 2, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 6,585 American Indian and Alaska Natives have died from COVID-19 — the highest rate of any ethnic group in the United States. That estimate likely falls far short of the actual death toll.

"Even though right now, we're showing as having some of the highest death rates, it's a gross undercount," said Abigail Echo-Hawk, Pawnee, director of the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) based in Seattle, Washington, one of 12 nationally recognized tribal epidemiology centers in the country.

That undercount leaves researchers and epidemiologists completely in the dark when creating practices and policies to deal with future pandemics.

When the coronavirus hit the Navajo Nation, Utah Navajo Health System (UNHS) was at the forefront of providing testing. The



private, not-for-profit corporation is tribally run and provides services to the Navajo Nation as well as rural Native and non-Native Utah communities. From the start of the pandemic, the UNHS data team reported its information to the state of Utah, local Indian Health Service (IHS) units and the Navajo Nation's epidemiology center.

"We pretty much tracked anything that we were doing," Verlyn Hawks, director of health information systems for Utah Navajo, said. "The scope of what we could handle is basically what we did."

At first, it was just test results, then deaths and now, vaccines. Hawks said he and his team reached out to neighboring health-care facilities like Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, New Mexico, to ask for COVID-19 data from their service area and would provide them with data. From there, he said, data were reported to the state of Utah and then passed to the CDC.

"But, we really don't have a good way to know where our numbers are going and what's happening from there," Hawks said, adding that the process for the Indian Health Service was equally opaque. "There's no sharing between states."

On the Navajo Nation, efforts to track cases, vaccinations and deaths are also complicated by the fact that community members move freely between health-care facilities, registering at different hospitals and clinics.

"Patients on the Navajo reservation tend to be kind of transient, meaning they go to different places for care," Utah Navajo's Chief Executive Officer Michael Jensen said.

Take for example, a patient at Utah Navajo who tests positive for COVID-19, becomes ill, and seeks treatment at that Utah Navajo health center. But, if that patient becomes critically ill, Utah Navajo would transfer the patient to a nearby hospital, and if that patient were to die from COVID-19 complications, the hospital they were transferred to may or may not report the death back to Utah Navajo where the patient originally registered. The same is true for vaccines and COVID-19 results.

"Our systems can gather all kinds of data and run reports every way but sideways," Jensen said. "But, the transient part of that makes it more challenging, and obviously, if somebody passes in an inpatient facility, we're not notified unless we follow up with the family or the doctor calls."

Accurately tracking Indigenous COVID-19 patients would involve the entire health system, which is made up of IHS health facilities, tribally owned facilities, tribal hospitals, urban Indian health programs, private clinics and other non-IHS health facilities like city, county or private hospitals. No agency is consistently or reliably doing that.

IHS, which collects data from Indigenous nations that volunteer to share, relies on the CDC's National Vital Statistics System, which receives its information from states.

"We're not [tracking COVID-19 deaths] because we want to avoid any underreporting," said IHS Acting Director Elizabeth Fowler, a Comanche citizen and a descendant of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The CDC, however, is also likely un-

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dercounting. A reliable database for the Urban Indian Health Institute's Echo-Hawk is the APM Research Lab, which reported at least 5,477 Indigenous deaths as of March 2, based on figures from all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Around the same time, the CDC was reporting 5,462 deaths.

All deaths, regardless of where they occur, are reported to the state, but the states have refused to release those details. The *Indigenous Investigative Collective* requested dates, cause and location of death, race, ethnicity, age, gender and a specific request for COVID-related information, including whether or not the infection may have occurred at a work site. Those requests were rejected by records custodians in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado, citing privacy and protected health information, obscuring information for COVID-19 deaths in dozens of tribal communities in those four states combined.

New Mexico, in particular, further explained the denial of public records, stating "the information contained in the responsive records consists of protected health information and information reasonably believed to allow identification of patients."

New Mexico Department of Health Records Custodian Deniece Griego-Martinez said even with names and case numbers redacted, patients could still be identified. "Since this information is identifying on its own and in combination with other publicly available information, it is not possible to redact the responsive records."

Gaps in states' COVID-19 data often begin right after a person has died. The process for determining and recording the cause of death varies from state to state. In Minnesota, for example, cause of death is registered by medical certifiers such as physicians, medical examiners or coroners. If a person dies from COVID-19, the cause of death on the certificate may say respiratory or heart failure — the reasons for those failures are not included.

Minnesota funeral director Robert Gill, who is Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, said when he sits down to fill out vital statistics forms with a deceased's family members, most of the work is straightforward: Legal name, address at the time of death, social security number, next of kin, parents, children, siblings and details of funeral arrangements. Where it can get tricky is when he needs to include the person's race and ethnicity.

"They could say, 'I'm Swedish, African, German, Native American, Hawaiian, Puerto Rican all mixed in one,' so, then I'd ask the family, 'Well what would you like? What are you, what would you legally consider yourself?'" Gill said.

There's no limit on how many races or tribes can be written down, and often everything is included. He also doesn't differentiate between individuals who are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe or are descendants or simply community members.

"I write down what they would consider their race. Whether it gets recorded as that, I don't know," he said. "I send that into the state, and I don't know what they do with it."

In Gill's facility, identifying American Indian or Alaska Native people is part of the job. But, in other parts of the country where medical examiners or funeral homes have no knowledge of Indian Country, those individuals can be identified as Hispanic, Asian or any other incorrect ethnicity because medical workers, funeral home directors or coroners simply look at the body and make a decision. While no data exists for death-certificate undercounts of Indigenous people, a 2016 report from the National Center for Health Statistics concluded that of everyone who self-identified as American Indian or Alaska Native on the U.S. Census, 48.6% were classified as another race on their death certificate.

"There are so many different ways that these death certificates are improperly categorized for race and ethnicity," Echo-Hawk said. "But, the number one issue ends up being nobody asks the family."

The CDC website states that "cause-of-

death information is not perfect, but it is very useful." While the agency estimates that 20 to 30% of death certificates have issues with completeness, the agency adds: "This does not mean they are inaccurate." The agency did not respond to requests for comment on this story.

The IHS has tried to correct the problem and continues to do so with little success so far. In a 2020 COVID-19 response hearing, the chief medical officer for the IHS, Rear Admiral Michael Toedt, testified that the agency was working with the CDC to address the issue of racial misclassification through training. However, Toedt stressed that the main problem with collecting good, timely data for American Indian and Alaska Native deaths rested almost entirely on how the death certificate was filled out.

In short, death counts of Indigenous people, no matter how they died, are woefully inaccurate — and correcting that is likely impossible without a unified system for tracking health issues in Native communities, and regulations requiring death certificates to accurately reflect a person's Indigenous citizenship, race and ethnicity. Experts who spoke with the *Indigenous Investigative Collective* could not give an exact number for the undercount.

A 2021 Urban Indian Health Institute report card that grades the quality of collecting and reporting COVID-19 data for Indigenous people gives most states a C grade or lower. The states were graded on the inclusion of Native people and statistics on state health dashboards as well as accurate CDC data for Indigenous people. That information, Echo-Hawk said, helps leaders make decisions and scientists think through vaccine allocations, and helps measure success or failure in the health system.

The omission of data on Native communities, Echo-Hawk said, is "data genocide," contributing to the elimination of Native people in the public eye and aiding the federal government in abandoning treaty laws and trust responsibilities. In other words, no data on Native people means no need for obligations or resources.

"We know that the picture, the true picture, is actually worse than what the data tells us. We definitely are in a situation where we are not capturing all of the impacts, and we are not capturing all of the deaths for American Indians and Alaska Natives. So, we know that the picture, the true picture, is actually worse than what the data tells us," said Carolyn Angus-Hornbuckle, who is Mohawk and the chief operating officer and policy center director of the National Indian Health Board. "That information is needed because like every other government that's facing this crisis, our tribal nations need to have real-time, accurate data, so that they can protect their citizens."

Meanwhile, infection rates and deaths in the Navajo Nation are improving, but Utah Navajo Health System CEO Michael Jensen said their work continues. "We've done our own contact tracing to find out where it started and who those people are interacting with; we've tried to share that publicly — for deceased rates, I think communities should know what's going on," he said. "I hope everybody would want to provide the most accurate and true numbers possible."

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SAULT TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS AND BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY UNITE TO INTRODUCE NEW MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TRIBAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLANS



President of the Bay Mills Indian Community Whitney Gravelle and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairperson Aaron Payment came together on May 25, 2021 to unveil their Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Tribal Community Response Plans.

The ceremony included support from speakers, U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, U.S. Attorney for Western Michigan Andrew Byerly Birge, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Attorney General Dana Nessel and Senator Gary Peters.

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) plan, commonly referred to as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), now includes all persons.

“Today, we collectively commit to ensuring equality in our responses to violence committed against all genders. We will no longer promote gender stereotypes,” explained Jami Moran, Program Services Director for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Advocacy Resource Center.

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons crisis has torn apart the Native American communities for centuries. Statistics show 84%

of Native American women will experience violence in their lifetime. Additionally, 55% will experience physical or sexual abuse from their significant others. Native people make up 40% of sex trafficking victims while the same group comprises of merely 10% of the United States population.

President Gravelle voiced this Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons crisis has been largely ignored by the general public for a variety of reasons: Complex jurisdictional schemes exist for tribal nations, Natives have been forbidden from prosecuting non-Native perpetrators for 40 years because of U.S. law, lack of resources from the U.S. government which vowed safety in the treaties and lapses of laws designed to help victims such as the Violence Against Women Act.

Chairperson Aaron Payment told the group the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons tribal response pilot is the most comprehensive plan thus far and encourages other tribes to use it to create their own response plans. This tribal response plan involves a central database amongst all local, state and federal jurisdictions for expedient data collection and expanded resources which will provide for evidence-based decision making and enable law enforcement to conduct an objective investigation free of bias.

“Victims of violence matter. It doesn’t matter the situation that puts them at risk, but they matter. It’s important to say their name. They are real,



living, breathing people. They are someone’s sister, auntie or grandmother or brother or someone transitioning. They deserve our love and respect, not our judgment,” Payment said.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement Chief Robert Marchand and Bay Mills Indian Community Law Enforcement Chief Ron Carrick presented an overview of each tribe’s Community Response Plan. The response plan includes a collaborative, comprehensive law enforcement response, compassionate, cultural honoring victim services, timely and accurate media and public communications and proactive community outreach partnerships.

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Tribal Community Response Plan empowers tribal nations and other organizations to work together to protect the Native American people.

“We cannot allow these cases to continue to go unresolved, unsolved and unaddressed, leaving our families and communities devastated with a piece of themselves missing,” President Gravelle said.

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JUSTICES SIGNAL THEY COULD LIMIT INDIAN COUNTRY RULING

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday (May 26, 2021) granted Oklahoma’s request to retain custody of a man who has been on death row for killing three Native Americans, a sign the court may be willing to limit the fallout from last year’s ruling that much of eastern Oklahoma remains a tribal reservation.

The action came in the case of Shaun Bosse, whose conviction and death sentence for the murders of Katrina Griffin and her two young children were overturned by a state appeals court.

The order makes it likely the high court will weigh in soon on the extent of its 5-4 ruling last year in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*.

The state court had held state prosecutors had no authority to try Bosse for the killings, which took place on the Chickasaw Nation’s reservation, based on the *McGirt* decision.

Hundreds of criminal convictions, including several death sentences for first-degree murder, have been set aside, and tribal and federal officials have been scrambling to refile those cases in tribal or U.S. district court.

Oklahoma argued to the Supreme Court it can prosecute crimes committed by non-Native Americans like Bosse even if the scene of the crime is on tribal land. The state also said there



might be technical legal reasons for rejecting Bosse’s claims.

The three liberal justices dissented from the order but did not explain their disagreement. They were in last year’s majority along with Justice Neil Gorsuch, the author of the opinion. Gorsuch did not publicly dissent from Wednesday’s order.

The fifth member of the *McGirt* majority was Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died in September. She has been replaced by Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

Bosse already has been charged with the killings in federal court, and he had been scheduled to be transferred to federal custody. But he could not be sentenced to death under the federal charges.

The Chickasaw Nation and Muscogee Nation didn’t immediately respond to media request.

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UNANIMOUS: SUPREME COURT RULES FOR TRIBES

By Kolby KickingWoman

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The Supreme Court unanimously ruled Tuesday (June 1, 2021) a tribal police officer can temporarily detain and search non-Natives on public rights of way which go through tribal land.

The case, *United States v. Cooley*, involved Joshua James Cooley, a non-Native man parked on the side of Highway 212 which runs through the Crow Reservation in southeastern Montana. Crow tribal police officer James Saylor approached the truck and found “watery, blood-shot eyes” and two guns lying on the front seat of the vehicle.

After ordering Cooley out of the truck and a subsequent pat down search, Saylor saw a glass pipe and plastic bag containing meth inside the truck.

A federal grand jury indicted Cooley on drug and gun offenses, but he moved to have the evidence found by Saylor suppressed claiming it was found during an illegal search.

Breyer cited a past case, *Montana v. United States*, in that a “tribe may also retain inherent power to exercise civil authority over the conduct of non-Indians on fee lands within its reservation when that conduct threatens or has some direct effect on the political integrity, the economic security, or the health or welfare of the tribe.”

The key phrase he noted that particularly applied to the matter before the court was, protection of “the health or welfare of the tribe.”

“To deny a tribal police officer authority to search and detain for a reasonable time any person he or she believes may commit or has com-



mitted a crime would make it difficult for tribes to protect themselves against ongoing threats,” Breyer wrote.

In short, the court was not convinced by Cooley’s arguments.

Justice Stephen Breyer authored the nine-page opinion along with a concurring, one paragraph opinion by Justice Samuel Alito.

Joining the opinion of the other nine justices, Alito broke it down to a quick three points:

- One, a tribal police officer has the authority to stop a non-Native motorist if there is reasonable suspicion the motorist has violated federal or state law.

- Two, a search can be conducted only to the extent necessary for the tribal police officer to protect themselves and others.

- Three, if there is probable cause, a tribal police officer can detain a non-Native for a reasonable amount of time in which it takes a non-tribal police officer to arrive at the scene.

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AS NORTHERN MICHIGAN WARMS, SCIENTISTS BRING TREE SEEDLINGS FROM THE SOUTH



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CARP LAKE — On a

blustery hillside near the tip of the mitten, Noah Jansen stooped to inspect the shag-bark hickory saplings he spent months growing from seeds collected 250 miles south of here.

It’s not a species commonly found among the maple, birch, cedar and white pines of northern Michigan. But on this 311-acre property known as Ziibimijwang Farm, few of the newly planted seedlings are.

“I don’t think it’s been too cold for them yet,” Jansen said as a group of volunteer tree-planters prepared to tuck the saplings into the soil.

Jansen and his colleagues at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians have planted thousands of trees since the tribe purchased the property in 2013, transforming it into a small-scale experiment in girding northern forests against climate change.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INVESTS \$754,840 IN CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY INNOVATORS IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



Today (June 10, 2021), the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$754,840 CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to TechTown Detroit to support innovation and entrepreneurship in the region’s medical and manufacturing sectors. This EDA grant, to be matched with \$249,900 in local investment, is expected to generate \$5.5 million in private investment.

This project is funded

under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136), which provided EDA with \$1.5 billion for economic assistance programs to help communities prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance, which is being administered under the authority of the bureau’s flexible Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, provides a wide range of financial assistance to eligible communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

TechTown empowers Detroit-based startups and local businesses to start, stabilize and scale by providing resources, collaborative workspace and education for entrepre-

neurs that will further accelerate inclusive economic development across Detroit. Since 2007, TechTown has supported more than 4,500 companies, which created 1,600 jobs and raised more than \$172 million in startup and growth capital.

The mission of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting competitiveness and preparing the nation’s regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. An agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA invests in communities and supports regional collaboration in order to create jobs for U.S. workers, promote American innovation and accelerate long-term sustainable economic growth.

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The nation's first program of its kind, Futures for Frontliners, and the new \$30 million bipartisan Michigan Reconnect program shows the state's continued commitment to its Sixty by 30 goal of ensuring 60% of Michiganders will have a postsecondary degree by 2030. Futures for Frontliners has seen more than 15,000 enroll in tuition-free paths to postsecondary education.

Within the September 10 – December 31 application period, more than 120,000 front-line workers applied for Futures for Frontliners – 117,230 to complete a two-year degree or skills certificate and 4,287 to receive adult education services before or while they are enrolled in postsecondary education or training.

Frontliners scholarship recipients are well on their way to filling the state's most in-demand careers with more than 530,000 jobs expected to become available by 2028 in the Professional Trades alone.

Frontliners have until the end of 2021 to enroll in classes to take advantage of the free-tuition program.

An education beyond high school opens the door to many new opportunities with earnings of \$7,500 more per year for those with a two-year degree and where 70% of jobs will require post-secondary education.

While the state is encouraged by the community college enrollment numbers, which have seen a national decline of more than 10%, it is understood taking the leap to continue education is not easy for some. The state and partner agencies stand at the ready to assist adult learners whether it be to provide child care, transportation or additional financial support.

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The state encourages Reconnect applicants to take the next step in the process and complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and begin to enroll in community college or adult education program.

Michigan Reconnect builds on the success of the Futures for Frontliners and will pay the cost of in-district tuition, mandatory fees and contact hours for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree or skills certificate at a Michigan public community college.

Reconnect scholarships are accepted by all Michigan public community colleges and are even available to eligible adults who are already enrolled at a Michigan public community college. The program pays the remaining balance of in-district tuition, contact hours and mandatory fees after other state and federal financial aid have been applied. For those who choose to attend an out-of-district community college, Reconnect will pay the in-district portion of tuition.

To be eligible for Michigan Reconnect, you must:

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- Have not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's).

Interested Michiganders 25-plus should visit michigan.gov/Reconnect to explore statewide and regional in-demand career opportunities and get started on their application.

Whether you're just starting your career exploration or considering a change in profession, those who may not qualify for Reconnect and are interested in education beyond high school are encouraged to explore free education and training resources at Skills to Work, including opportunities to take College Board's College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests for free through ModernStates.org.

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PRIVATE MUSEUMS COULD FACE NAGPRA SCRUTINY

By Nanette Kelley

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Small museums and private institutions that accept federal CARES Act money or other stimulus funds could be forced to relinquish thousands of indigenous items and ancestral remains now in their collections.

Under the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, museums or other institutions that accept federal funding must compile an inventory of indigenous cultural items and initiate repatriation of the collections and remains to tribes or family members.

At least two museums are now facing possible scrutiny – the non-profit Favell Museum of Native American Artifacts and Contemporary Western Art in Klamath Falls, OR, and the End of the Trail Museum, which is connected to the Trees of Mystery gift shop in the redwood forest in Klamath, CA.

Hundreds of other small museums and institutions could also face scrutiny of their indigenous collections if they have accepted federal funds.

"This will likely have an impact on private collections that previously did not have NAGPRA obligations," Melanie O'Brien, manager for the national NAGPRA program, wrote in an e-mail to *Indian Country Today*.

Museum representatives did not respond to requests for comment from *Indian Country Today*.

California Assembly member James C. Ramos, a citizen of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and the first Native American elected to the state's legislature, said institutions should



step up and comply with NAGPRA.

"If these museums across the state and nation received federal funding in the form of the CARES Act, maybe now is the opportunity for those items to be given back to Indian peoples," Ramos said.

The CARES Act – the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act – was signed into law in March 2020, providing \$2.2 trillion in stimulus funds to families, expansion of unemployment benefits and loans to small businesses, corporations and state and local governments.

A subsequent law, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, invested \$200 million in pandemic funding for libraries and museums, including nearly \$24 million in California, \$19 million in Texas and \$14 million in Florida, according to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Favell Museum

Data provided by the NAGPRA office in Washington, D.C. indicate the Favell Museum received two loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration to "aid small businesses in maintaining a work force during the COVID-19

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pandemic.”

The museum received a loan for \$24,200 on May 6, 2020 and one for \$24,273 on January 23, 2021, according to data collected at USAspending.gov.

As of May 11, the museum’s website stated it “receives no government funds and little money from grants.”

Founded by Klamath Falls businessman Eugene “Gene” Favell and his wife, Winifred, the museum opened in 1972 with the family’s private collection of artifacts, including indigenous baskets collected by Favell’s mother, Ruth.

Today, the museum is home to more than 100,000 Native artifacts, including a fire opal arrowhead from Nevada’s Black Rock Desert along with other arrowheads, obsidian knives, Native clothing, stone tools, beadwork, baskets and pottery, according to the museum website. It also houses a collection of contemporary Western artists, including an original painting by Charles M. Russell and century-old photos of Native people from Edward Curtis.

It is not known to have any human remains as are found in holdings of other museums. But information presented on the Favell website implies cultures represented at the museum from throughout the Americas are now extinct.

According to the museum’s collections page, “The collections on display give the visitor a suggestion of the richness and variety of societies no longer here and they illustrate how creative and adaptive the native people were.” Some of the living tribes and cultures referred to in the past tense are the Chumash, Klamath, Modoc, Apache, Washoe, Pomo and Tlingit people.

Favell purchased the fire opal arrowhead and some other artifacts from California dentist H.H. Stuart, another collector, according to the museum website. Scholar and author Tony Platt said in his book, “Grave Matters: Excavating California’s Buried Past,” Stuart collected items from hundreds of burial sites.

In a recent interview with *Indian Country Today*, Platt said during his last visit to the Favell Museum, he noticed labels on Stuart’s items indicated the bulk of the collection came from Yurok and Wiyot graves.

Three years before he died in 1976, Stuart sold many of the items to Favell for \$13,500, Platt reported in his book.

Favell died in 2001 at age 75, but the museum has continued on without him.

A Favell representative responded to a request for comment from *Indian Country Today* by saying via e-mail the museum manager was on vacation and the person who had overseen the collections had retired. A subsequent request has not been answered.

Ted Hernandez, chair of the Wiyot Tribal Council, said the tribe has not received a list of Favell holdings.

“All of our art, they have a spirit and a life and they (the Favell) are not taking care of our ancestors as they should be,” he said. “Each basket is a living being. They are too close together in those cases, so they can’t breathe.”

End of the Trail

Approximately 200 miles southwest of the Favell Museum, the End of the Trail museum operates as part of the Trees of Mystery roadside attraction in northern California.

Trees of Mystery has received three federal Small Business Administration loans totaling \$650,000 related to the pandemic, according to USAspending.gov.

On April 28, 2020, and again on February 25, 2021, Trees of Mystery received two SBA loans, each for \$250,000, to provide help in maintaining a work force during the pandemic. The business also received a \$150,000 loan from the SBA on June 11, 2020 to help restore the company to pre-disaster conditions, according to government records.

According to the Trees of Mystery website, the End of the Trail Museum is attached to the gift shop, which provides the only access into the free museum.

The Trees of Mystery attraction on storied Highway 101 has operated in some form in Klamath, CA, since the 1930s. It first opened as a fishing camp and evolved into the Wonderland Redwood Park, the Kingdom of Trees and then the Trees of Mystery. In 1946, Marylee and Ray Thompson purchased the site and began operating the attraction, according to RoadsideAmerica.com.

The attraction features walkways through the redwood trees, a crude carving of “The End of the Trail” statue and a large statue of Paul Bunyon, according to RoadsideAmerica.com.

A newly constructed Redwood Canopy Trail includes a suspended walkway 50 to 100 feet off the ground which winds through the trees. The new canopy trail opened just as the pandemic was forcing shutdowns but has since reopened, according to the website.

The museum opened on March 10, 1968, largely to display items collected by Marylee Thompson.

It is described on the museum’s website as “one of the largest privately owned world class museums,” and cites “artifacts and history of the First Americans.” Photos on the website show display cases filled with basketry, cradle boards, drums, masks, carvings, Native clothing and other items.

A Trees of Mystery representative responded to a request for comment from *Indian Country Today* by asking questions be e-mailed to a museum owner identified only as Debbie. That person has not yet responded to the questions.

The Better Business Bureau lists Trees of Mystery as a sole proprietorship with four employees, though far more workers can be seen there on a typical day. The owner is listed as John Thompson, who has been identified as the son of Marylee and Ray Thompson.

Repatriation Has Begun

NAGPRA has already hit a number of other museums across the nation, including the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley.

The California State Auditor’s office conducted an analysis in 2019 of the university system’s compliance with the federal NAGPRA law and a state counterpart, known as CalNAGPRA, and found the university had fallen short of requirements for repatriation of ancestral remains and artifacts.

Berkeley had nearly 500,000 Native American remains and artifacts as of 2019, and had returned only about 20%, the auditor’s office concluded.

The remains and objects are stored at the Hearst Museum and are not on display. Research on them has stopped, and they are not accessible to the public, students or faculty, university officials told *Indian Country Today*.

The auditor’s office found the three universities reviewed – the Berkeley, Los Angeles and Davis campuses – needed to do more to comply with NAGPRA.

The Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University, meanwhile, issued an apology in March regarding its handling of ancestral remains and funerary objects and pledged to work with tribes to facilitate the returns. The Yale University Peabody Museum of Natural History is also working to repatriate some of its collections.

The state of Mississippi recently returned items to the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. The remains had largely been found during excavations during the past 50 or more years, and more than 1,000 still must be identified and returned to tribes.

Indiana University also returned more than 700 ancestral remains excavated from the Angel Mounds State Historic Site. The remains had been in the university’s Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology since 1971.

Spiritual Ties

For California assembly member Ramos, repatriation is personal.

Baskets woven by Ramos’ great-grandmother and great-great-aunt were recently returned to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians by a local county museum. During a celebration of *Yaamava’* – which means Spring in the Serrano language – they honored the baskets with a ceremony which included Serrano Big-horn sheep and Cahuilla bird songs.

Ramos said the songs welcomed his elders’ baskets home now live inside him and aid in his continuing efforts to bring cultural artifacts home.

“Regaining those baskets opens up advocacy that those items are tied spiritually to a people,” he said.

Ramos said some museums don’t understand the importance of non-funerary items and do not recognize them as part of the indigenous cultural identity. Many tribes recognize baskets

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as relations, he said.

“Different cultures throughout the state of California that weave baskets breathe life into those baskets,” he said.

Looking Ahead

What happens next is unclear.

When asked about possible investigations of museums or institutions which received pandemic funds, O’Brien said her office was unable to comment on the status of any investigations regarding failure to comply with NAGPRA.

Officials with the Wiyot and Hoopa Valley tribes, however, said they had not received any

notifications from the Favell or the End of the Trail museums about cultural items contained within the collections.

Hernandez said the Wiyot Tribe is ready to send out a cultural liaison to validate any inventory of items they might receive.

“The museums that have our items and are not taking care of them,” he said, “it’s a high disrespect to the Native community.”

Nanette Kelley, Osage/Cherokee, is the 2021 California Arts Council Administrators of Color Fellow for the Greater Northern Region.

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Dakota Access Line Can Stay Open Pending Corps Review

By Dave Kolpack and James MacPherson, Associated Press

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A federal judge ruled Friday (May 24, 2021) the Dakota Access oil pipeline may continue operating while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducts an extensive environmental review.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg made his decision after attorneys for the pipeline’s Texas-based owner, Energy Transfer, argued shuttering the pipeline would be a major economic blow to several entities, including North Dakota, and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation tribe, in the heart of the state’s oil patch.

Boasberg said the Standing Rock Sioux had to “demonstrate a likelihood of irreparable injury” from the pipeline’s continued operation for him to rule in its favor.

The tribe, he said, has “not cleared that daunting hurdle.”

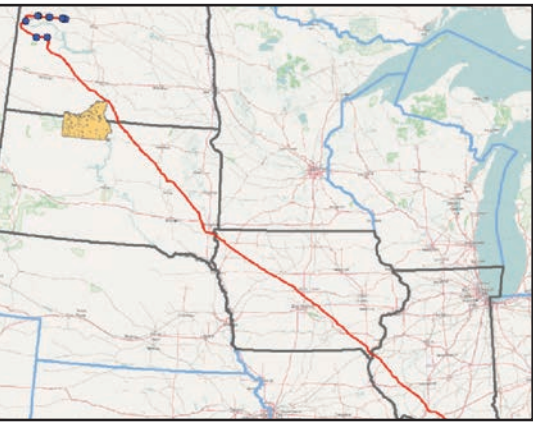
Attorneys for the Standing Rock Sioux and other tribes say the pipeline is operating illegally without a federal permit granting easement to cross beneath Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir near the Standing Rock reservation that is maintained by the Corps. They said preventing financial loss should not come at the expense of the other tribes, “especially when the law has not been followed.”

“The Court acknowledges the Tribes’ plight, as well as their understandable frustration with a political process in which they all too often seem to come up just short. If they are to win their desired relief, however, it must come from that process, as judges may travel only as far as the law takes them and no further. Here, the law is clear, and it instructs that the Court deny Plaintiffs’ request for an injunction,” Boasberg wrote.

The Standing Rock tribe, which draws its water from the Missouri River, says it fears pollution. The company has said the pipeline is safe.

“We believe the Dakota Access Pipeline is too dangerous to operate and should be shuttered while environmental and safety implications are studied — but despite our best efforts, today’s injunction was not granted,” Jan Hasselman, the EarthJustice attorney representing Standing Rock and other tribes, said in a statement.

The pipeline was the subject of months



of sometimes violent protests in 2016 and 2017 during its construction.

The \$3.8 billion, 1,172-mile pipeline began operating in 2017 and environmental groups, encouraged by some of President Joe Biden’s recent moves on climate change and fossil fuels, were hoping he would step in and shut down the pipeline. But the Biden administration left it up to Boasberg, even after the judge asked the Corps to state an opinion on paper, if it had one.

Boasberg on Friday (May 24, 2021) also denied the state of North Dakota’s motion to intervene. State Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem had said the Corps has abandoned its lead role in defending its decision to grant an easement for crossing the river and the agency can no longer “adequately represent” North Dakota’s interests.

In April 2020, Boasberg ordered further environmental study after determining the Corps had not adequately considered how an oil spill under the Missouri River might affect Standing Rock’s fishing and hunting rights or whether it might disproportionately affect the tribal community. A federal panel later upheld the judge’s ruling, but did not go as far as shutting down the pipeline.

Energy Transfer estimated it would cost \$24 million to empty the pipeline and preserve the structure and said maintenance of the line would cost \$67.5 million every year it is inoperable.

Former President Barack Obama’s administration originally rejected permits for the project, and the Corps prepared to conduct a full environmental review. In February 2017, after Donald Trump took office, the agency scrapped the review and granted permits, concluding running the pipeline under the Missouri River posed no significant environmental issues.

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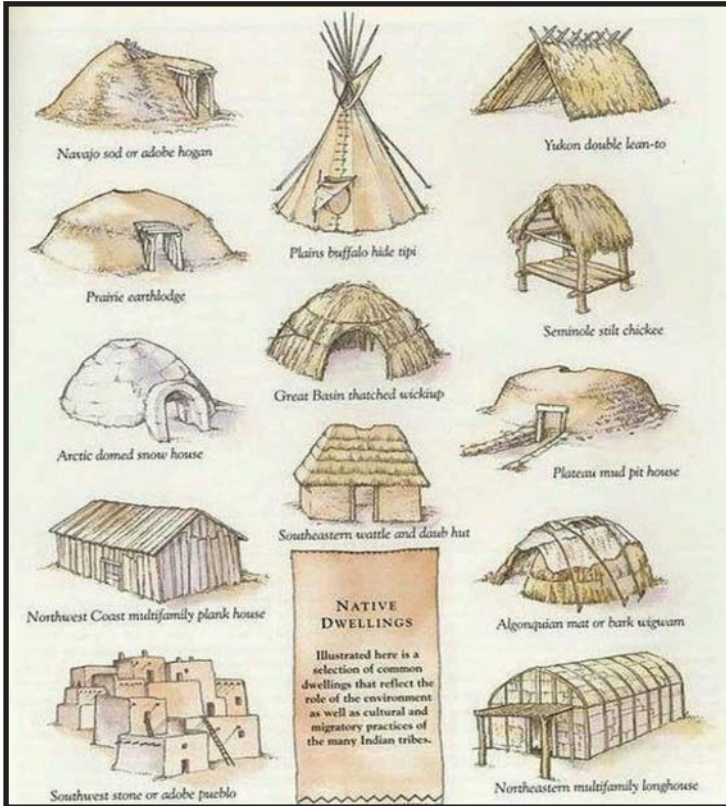


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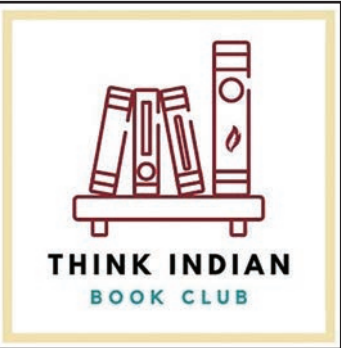


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Introducing the Think Indian Book Club Blog



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lic. In addition to providing recommendations for some great reads, we also saw this as an opportunity to introduce people to cultures and peoples they might not otherwise meet.

Reading literary fiction is proven to be more than mere entertainment. Studies show reading literary fiction increases empathy, encourages understanding of other people and increases critical thinking skills (business books and commercial fiction do not have the same effect, by the way).

We created the Think Indian Book Club blog to share our Think Indian Book Club book selections and reviews. We will review each forthcoming book club selection and share it with you, the reader

(along with indigenous book-sellers’ information, so you can patronize Native-owned businesses).

We have also created a list of past Think Indian Book Club selections to get you started on your summer reading. Enjoy, and if you have a moment, drop us a line at info@collegefund.org and let us know how you enjoyed our recommendations.

Book Review: Moon of the Crusted Snow
<https://collegefund.org/blog/book-review-moon-of-the-crusted-snow/>

List of Past Think Indian Book Club Selections
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Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence and MMIW

By **StrongHearts Native Helpline**

Centuries of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples

Native American cultures, languages, lands and lives were all systematically and forcibly taken through colonization. Our ancestors endured genocide and assimilation for more than five centuries. Today, there is ample evidence genocide still occurs through the inhumane conditions on reservations, the jurisdictional issues which prevent the prosecution of non-Native perpetrators on tribal lands and ignoring the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) crisis.

The Connection to Domestic and Sexual Violence

Domestic violence isn't a Native American tradition; it is a symptom of colonization which continues to this day.

Through colonization, Native women were devalued by non-Native people. They were degraded, they were attacked and raped. Acts which still continue today. Tribal communities still experience high rates of rape and sexual assault, largely committed by non-Native perpetrators. Native women are sexualized in the media in costumes, in Native American imagery and caricatures and in movies. Native women and men still struggle from the effects of colonization, marginalization and assimilation and our shared trauma. More than half of Native women, in particular, have been physically abused by an intimate partner.

StrongHearts Native Helpline understands the issues of MMIW are related to domestic, dating and sexual violence. We understand missing and murdered victims can be children, elders, Two-Spirit, men and those with disabilities. This crisis affects all of our relatives. Survivors deserve justice.

Research shows women are more likely to be killed

by an intimate partner (husband, boyfriend, same-sex partner or ex) than by anyone else. More than 84% of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. Nationally, across all racial and ethnic groups, approximately two out of five female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner. Homicide is a leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women. Many killings linked to domestic violence occur right after recent breakups or during separations. Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence.

Complicated legal systems, jurisdictional confusion and lack of resources also leave many Native victims of violence and their families without support or justice. Whether the violence is coming from inside the home or from strangers living near tribal communities or in urban centers, meaningful action must be taken to prevent more Native women from going missing or being murdered.

Prevention

One way to address these issues is through culturally appropriate domestic and sexual violence advocacy. We need services which approach healing from an indigenous perspective – where victims feel understood and where their unique needs as Native people can be met.

Created by and built to serve tribal communities across the United States, StrongHearts Native Helpline is here to answer that call. It is a culturally appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native American and Alaska Native survivors and concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence.

Advocates are available 24/7 by texting or calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or via online chat at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates

can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

MMIW Resources

As a helpline dedicated to Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence, StrongHearts honors our relatives and communities impacted by MMIW and those working to end this crisis.

Check out these resources from the National Indigenous Women's Resources Center (NIWRC).

EXPLORE: MMIW Special Collections Resource Listing <http://www.niwrc.org/resources/special-collection-missing-murdered-indigenous-women-girls>

DOWNLOAD: "Tribal Community Response When a Woman is Missing: A Toolkit for Action" in NIWRC's Resource Library. <http://www.niwrc.org/resources/tribal-community-response-when-woman-missing-toolkit-action>

MMIW DATABASE: The Sovereign Bodies Institute <https://www.sovereign-bodies.org/mmiw-database?fbclid=IwAR15hpz2hfDmSFuqs0PZlvvH9e4VcGv-dnk4aT0Cqhhu7DKRR5iPOv7nxag>

DOWNLOAD: Urban Indian Health Institute's "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls: A Snapshot of data from 71 Urban Cities in the United States." <http://www.uihi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Missing-and-Murdered-Indigenous-Women-and-Girls-Report.pdf>

DATABASE: NamUS-National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

EXPLORE: NIWRC's Online Resource Library for past webinars, reports and articles on MMIW.

Build a Cleaner Campfire for a Better S'more

By **Michigan DNR**

Marshmallows, hot dogs and kebabs are classic fireside fare. Peaches are trending, and there's no better way to start the day than with a cast-iron skillet breakfast fresh off the fire. We're talking campfire cooking and bonfire season.

As we welcome these summer traditions, Air Quality Awareness Week, reminds us to keep campfires safe and clean by carefully choosing what they're made from. In a crowded environment like a campground or neighborhood, making fires out of the right materials is especially important for protecting the health and safety of yourself and those around you.

To start, build a campfire out of the driest, most well-seasoned wood you can find. Get it locally to avoid



spreading invasive insects and tree diseases, and make sure to burn it all before you leave for another location. Dry wood produces the least amount of irritating smoke, meaning you'll spend less time repositioning around the fire ring chanting a version of "I hate white rabbits" in an attempt to ward off those pesky clouds.

Natural materials like wood, brush and branches can be burned. However, avoid burning treated wood, which often can be identified by a manufacturer's stamp and a greenish color. Treated wood

releases arsenic or other chemicals in the air when burned.

Likewise, don't toss trash, plastic food wrappers, foam cups or hazardous materials in your campfire – it's illegal, not to mention stinky and unhealthy. If you plan to cook a s'mores or other foods over the fire, it's worth the extra effort to properly dispose of trash to keep the air clean and keep a bad taste out of your mouth.

Use the Michigan Recycling Directory to learn where to recycle difficult-to-dispose materials.

Get fire safety information at Michigan.gov/PreventWildfires and learn about air quality at Michigan.gov/OpenBurning.

Questions, contact Paul Rogers at 616-260-8406.

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Rick Santorum is Gone, but Media Problems Remain

By *Indian Country Today*

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CNN is cutting ties with former Republican senator and current TV analyst Rick Santorum over disparaging comments he made about Native American culture.

On CNN, Santorum was a senior political commentator who was often tasked with giving the Republican point of view during campaign coverage. His parting ways with the network was confirmed Saturday (May 22, 2021) by Alison Rudnick, vice president of HLN Communications and CNN Diversity and Inclusion.

He sparked controversy in an April 23, 2021 speech before the Young America’s Foundation, a conservative youth organization. Santorum said immigrants created a nation based on the Judeo-Christian ethic from a blank slate.

“We birthed a nation from nothing,” he said. “Yes, there were Native Americans, but there isn’t much Native American culture in American culture.”

Last month, the Native American Journalists Association called on CNN to fire Santorum.

The association also “strongly cautions Native American and Alaska Native reporters from working with, or applying to jobs, at CNN in the wake of continued racist comments and insensitive reporting directed at Indigenous people.”

There are no Native Americans working as on-air reporters at CNN or any other major network. That includes regular commentators and other on-air positions.

Jourdan Bennett-Begaye, Diné, is managing editor of *Indian Country Today* and a board member for NAJA. She tweeted: “I’m doing this job and what I love because those who came before me fought tooth and nail to make sure I could. I work for an Indigenous-led newsroom because I’ve had to work with white editors who didn’t see value in our stories.”

Representative Kaniela Ing, D-Hawaii, also tweeted about the importance of on-air representation. “Thousands of powerful Native leaders deserve a mainstream platform, but Native journalists represent less than one half of one



percent of U.S. newsroom staff. Absolute perfect timing for CNN to hire its first ever Native commentators.” Ing is Native Hawaiian.

During its live Election Night coverage in November 2020, CNN labeled Native American voters as “something else.” When asked by NAJA to issue an apology, CNN refused.

The comment prompted Fawn Sharp, president of the National Congress of American Indians, to call him “an unhinged and embarrassing racist who disgraces CNN and any other media company that provides him a platform.”

“To correct the record, what European colonizers found in the Americas were thousands of complex, sophisticated, and sovereign tribal nations, each with millennia of distinct cultural, spiritual and technological development,” she wrote in a statement.

Sharp emphasized the importance of partnerships with American Indian tribes, journalists and media to develop creative solutions which address inaccurate portrayals of indigenous peoples and Native erasure in the media.

Santorum later said on Chris Cuomo’s CNN show that he “misspoke” in the sense it wasn’t clear he was speaking in the context of the founding of the United States government.

“People say I’m trying to dismiss what happened to the Native Americans,” he said. “Far from it. The way we treated Native Americans was horrific. It goes against every bone and everything I’ve ever fought for as a leader in the Congress.”

Santorum’s comments have garnered blowback before, especially his views on gay marriage and homosexuality. In 2003, he infuriated gay rights advocates by appearing to compare homosexuality to pedophilia and bestiality.

The Associated Press contributed to this story. Courtesy graphic.

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BRING FOREST FLAVORS TO YOUR PLATE WITH NEW FORAGING WEBPAGES

By **Michigan DNR**
What does summer in Michigan taste like? Pop a fresh, juicy blackberry warmed by the sun into your mouth and find out. Rich morel mushrooms, sweet and smoky maple syrup and intense sumac and juniper are among the flavors you can find when you step into Michigan’s outdoors.

Get in touch with the seasons and bring the flavors of the wild home with the help of a new foraging section on the DNR’s website. These webpages share information about different varieties of wild berries, the basics of maple sap collection for syrup and tips for morel mushroom hunting.
“Every spring, we get



tons of calls and e-mails asking what you can pick on state lands,” said DNR Land Use Program Lead Matt Fry. “This information will help people forage safely and responsibly.”

On state-managed lands, the “fruits” of plants may be harvested, including berries, nuts, tree fruits and mushrooms. However, to protect plant species which often take years to grow and reproduce, you may not harvest whole

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- ♦ Medical Office Certificate

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Tribal Council Meeting Minutes



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**Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council
Regular Meeting
April 22, 2021
via ZOOM**

Call to Order: 9:04 a.m.
Opening ceremony: Councilor Marty Van De Car
Closed Session: No
Council Present: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
Absent at time of roll call: Treasurer Marcella Reyes
Legislative Office Staff Present: Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee
Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority Chairperson Mary Kilmer, Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's Vice Chairperson Denise Steffel, Treasurer Cheryl Kishigo, Board Member Meredith Kennedy, Executive Director Shanna Kishigo, and Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier; Tribal Burial Board, Inc's Chairperson Kevin Willis, Board Members Annette Van De Car, Gwen Teuthorn, and Ken Gill; Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.'s President Tanya Gibbs and Vice President Alan Proctor; Ziibimijwang, Inc's Chairperson Joe VanAlstine
Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Human Resources Generalist Rose Pyant, Lead Pharmacist Mark Dawson, Executive Office Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Human Resources Tribal Social Worker Mack Miller, Law Enforcement Dispatcher David Burks, Natural Resource Department Seasonal Habitat Restoration Worker Rebekka Neelis, Planning Director Amanda Swiss, Gijigowi Language Director Carla Osawamick, Health Department Office Manager Julie Janiske, Law Enforcement Dispatch Karen Boda, Gijigowi Project Coordinator Eva Oldman, WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Natural Resource Director Doug Craven, and Planning's Administrative Assistant Shari Temple.
Judicial Officials and Staff: Cultural Resource Advisor Kevin Gasco
Public: Christine Shomin, Marvin Mulholland, Bernadece Boda, Ricky Compo, Renee Dillard, Kenneth Dewey, Brian Anthony, Carol Quinones, Melissa Shomin, Allie Genia, Frank Emery, and Doug Emery
Invited Guest(s): Odawa Casino Resort's General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Roger Borton, Director of Human Resources Andrea Shananaquet and Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, Director of Table Games Nick Foltz
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adopt the agenda for April 22, 2021 as amended.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Citizen(s) who have walked on: Frederick Shepard and Julius Kewaygoshkum.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 8, 2021 as presented.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
9:20 a.m. Treasurer Marcella Reyes arrives
9:30 a.m. Introduction on new Tribal Government Employees: Mark Dawson - Lead Pharmacist Lakota Worthington – Executive Administrative Assistant Mack Miller – Tribal Social Worker David Burks – Law Enforcement Dispatcher Rebekka Neelis – Natural Resource Department Seasonal Habitat Restoration Worker
Executive Oversight Report: Discussion: Vice Chairperson Stella Kay
Tribal Chairperson Bentley is now the Chairperson for Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) and is currently on a Zoom meeting this morning for CORA;
The next round of funds for the American Relief Plan still not decided;
Biden Administration will resume the Nation to Nations Relationship meetings,
A State of Michigan meeting was held last week regarding the all-inclusive rate changes to the Michigan Statute which will be approved on October 21, 2021 and will roll out by March 2022 but may be enacted as early as December 21, 2021.
Testimony regarding Line 5.
The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) will meet next week regarding changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program 2021 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). The QAP sets out the state's eligibility priorities and criteria for awarding federal tax credits to housing properties.
Accounting is preparing reports for audit
Vaccine clinics have been successful. To date, there has been 4,090 persons who have received the primary dose or have been fully vaccinated.
Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon
Phase II has been extended to May 29, 2021.
The Executive May Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Topic of discussion will be services provided for at-large community.
The following Natural Resources Department Events were/will be lead by Treaty Rights Specialist – Dan Hinmon:
-An Earthday event is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2021 at Ziibimijwang farm to plant trees from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Make sure to pack a lunch.
Little Traverse Bay Subsistence Netting Event – May 22nd & 23rd, 2021
-The Tannery Creek Steelhead event on Saturday, April 10, 2021 was well attended.

Congratulations to Education Director Jordan Shananaquet who is now the vice chairperson for the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors.
Library Book Club and Craft Circle events are being held virtually.
Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson Interviewed Master Candidates for planning and design of new Health Park and anticipates a signed contract by next week. All LTBB staff, officials, and Tribal Citizens will have an opportunity to voice what they would like to see included in the plans.
Huge shout out to our Little Traverse Bay Bands Survivor Outreach Program, they partnered with Leslie King to develop a Public Service Announcement to Stop Human Trafficking. The won Commercial of the Year Award through the Michigan Broadcast Association. This was a huge collaboration and success for the LTBB Community.
Stacey Ettawageshik won the Victim Advocate of the Year Award through the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM).
Miigwech Stacy!
9:42 a.m. Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. returns
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Report as presented by Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, and Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson on April 22, 2021.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.
Tribal Council Officer Reports: Legislative Leader Report
Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal report for April 22, 2021.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.
Secretary Report
Documents Delivered to the Executive on 03/25/2021 and is due back to Tribal Council on or before 04/26/2021:
-Tribal Resolution Authorization for Support to Designate Three

New Wilderness Areas and One Addition to an Existing Wilderness Area on the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
-Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribally Accepted Accounting Practice Statute
Documents Delivered to the Executive on 04/09/2021 and is due back to Tribal Council on or before 05/10/2021:
-Waganakising Odawak Statute Domestic Violence
-Waganakising Odawak Statute Interim Criminal Code
Documents signed by the Executive on 04/09/2021
-Tribal Resolution # 040821-01 Appropriation for System Upgrades to Implement All Inclusive Rate Reimbursements
Veto (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): none
Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council:
-04/15/2021 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to authorize and approve the Tribal Chair to sign a Letter of Support for the City of Petoskey to obtain funds from the federal government to repair the damage portion of the Little Traverse Wheel Way.
Phone Poll Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet), 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car)
Comments: none Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to accept Secretary Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for April 22, 2021.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.
Treasurer Report
Appropriations and Finance Committee
-Last Meeting: April 13, 2021 (Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-01 Request for Funding from Family and Youth Services Bureau, Family Violence Prevention and Services Act FY 2021 – FY 2023.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-02 Request for Funding from the National Park Service, Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices FY 2021.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-03 Request for Funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs FY 2021.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve

CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-04 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement, CTGP FY 2021 Designated One-Time Funds.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-05 Request to Accept Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement, Law Enforcement FY 2021 One-Time Funds.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-06 Authorization and Support of Applications for and Acceptance of COVID-19 Related Funds Received under Tribal Resolution 032420-01 COVID-19 Suspension of Deadlines, Funds Received 1st Quarter 2021.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-07 Request for Funding from Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant FY 2021.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to post the Health, Food, and Housing Program Statue to the Tribal Website.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriation of Funds for the 2022 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets, pending any changes from the Public Hearing.
Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:
-04/17/2021 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-08 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the MDHHS Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration, Mental Health Delivery System (MHDS) for Native American Program Funding FY 2022.
Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent
Comments: None
Motion carries.
-Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chair for April 22, 2021.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

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stained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

10:00 a.m. Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2021 1st Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort's verbal and written 2021 1st Quarter Report as presented by General Manager Ron Olson and Roger Borton for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort's written March 2021 Status Report dated April 9, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to acknowledge receipt of Matthew Stemkoski's Letter of Resignation dated April 7, 2021 from the Gaming Authority.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Online GSP, LLC verbal and written report as presented by Roger Borton for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

11:14 a.m. Break

11:27 a.m. Councilor Leroy Shomin exits meeting.

11:28 a.m. Resume

11:00 a.m. Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2021 1st Quarter Report

Public Comment

11:53 a.m. Opens

Renee Dillard: Front page of web is missing translation of tribal language.

Bernadece Boda: Thank you for starting meeting through prayer. Would like to see documents for comment on the main web as a working document compare version that provides proposed changes. In consideration of not getting per-cap. would like Council and Executive to implement a stimulus through the American Rescue Plan based on guidelines.

Ricky Compo: Has the Chair nominated anyone for Gaming Authority.

Tamara Kiogima: Title VI in Harbor Springs is having their public meeting on April 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm on Zoom.

Bernadece Boda: Other Tribes derive per cap from investment dividends, and invest in Bitcon. Odawa Casino Resort should purchase from our farm and the Youth Department and the development of a youth center should include more staff with a separate department of recreation.

12:02 p.m. Closes

12:05 p.m. Secretary Julie Shananaquet exits meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporations verbal and written 2021 1st Quarter Report as presented by Executive Director Shanna Kishigo for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Leroy Shomin, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

11:45 a.m. Tribal Burial Board, Inc. 2021 1st Quarter Report

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Burial Board, Inc.'s 2021 1st Quarter Report as presented by Chairperson Kevin Willis for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Leroy Shomin-Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Officer Reports continued:

Land and Reservation Committee

-Last Meeting: April 16, 2021

(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to NOT pursue Land Parcel #132 and to remove from list the parcel for consideration.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to approve ground lease for a portion of the Odawa Hotel Parking lot between Little Traverse Bay Bands and Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and authorize Treasurer Marcella Reyes to sign it.

Vote: 2 -yes, 1 -no (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to authorize the Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley and Treasurer Marcella Reyes to sign the PNC Bank Consent Agreement that allows for parceling of a portion of the OCR Hotel parking lot.

Vote: 2 -yes, 1 -no (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carries.

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: none

-Next Meeting: Friday, May 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chair for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Leroy Shomin-Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

12:25 p.m. Lunch

1:06 p.m. Resume and Councilor Leroy Shomin arrived

1:00 p.m. Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 2021 1st Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.'s verbal and written 2021 1st Quarter Report as presented by President Tanya Gibbs for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Tamara Kiogima:

Indian Country Infrastructure, Legislative Proposal, IE: Service Area Expansion. Can the tribe send a letter of support to United Tribes of Michigan and National Congress of American Indians to open up the tribe's service area to include all Citizens? Will bring to the next Tribal Council Work Session for further discussion.

Closed Session: Confidential Business-Land. Moved to end of agenda.

Youth Council - Have two (2) students who consistently attend. Need to recruit more students.

Grandparent Rights-Was asked

by a constituent consideration of a statute for Grandparents rights to see grandchildren. Will bring to next Tribal Council Work Session for further discussion.

1:45 p.m. Ziibimijwang, Inc. - 2021 1st Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Ziibimijwang, Inc.'s verbal 2021 1st Quarter Report as presented by Chairperson Joe VanAlstine for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - No report

Legislative Services Attorney

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

General Counsel - No report

Legislative Office Manager

Motion made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal report for April 22, 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to post the Department of Public Works Statute to the Tribal Website as sponsored by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to post the Medicare Reimbursement Honorarium Act to the Tribal Website as sponsored by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-01 Request for Funding from Family and Youth Services Bureau, Family Violence Prevention and Services Act FY 2021 - FY 2023.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-02 Request for Funding from the National Park Service, Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices FY 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-03 Request for Funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs FY 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-04 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement, CTGP FY 2021 Designated One-Time Funds.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-05 Request to Accept Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement, Law Enforcement FY 2021 One-Time Funds.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-06 Authorization and Support of Applications for and Acceptance of COVID-19 Related Funds Received under Tribal Resolution 032420-01 COVID-19 Suspension of Deadlines, Funds Received 1st Quarter 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-07 Request for Funding from Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant FY 2021.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042221-08 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the MDHHS Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration, Mental Health Delivery System (MHDS) for Native American Program Funding FY 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to post the Health, Food and Housing Program Statute to the Tribal Website as sponsored by Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to authorize and approve Tribal Chairperson Gasco-Bentley and Treasurer Reyes to sign the PNC Bank Consent Agreement that allows for re-parceling of a portion of the Odawa Casino Resort Hotel parking lot.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) , 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Marcella Reyes), 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to NOT pursue Land Parcel #132 and to remove from list the parcel for consideration as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve the ground lease for a portion of the Odawa Hotel Parking lot between Little Traverse Bay Bands and Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and authorize Treasurer Marcella Reyes to sign it.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Marcella Reyes), 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to declare a Tribal Council Appropriations and Finance Committee seat vacant.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Appropriations and Finance Committee Assignment:

Councilor Tamara Kiogima nominated Melissa Pamp for Appropriations and Finance Committee Secretary.

Councilor Marty Van De Car supports Councilor Melissa Pamp for Appropriations and Finance Committee Secretary.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to assign Councilor Melissa Pamp to the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Enrollment for Citizenship List A Eligible dated April 21, 2021 for a total of seven (7).

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Public Comment

3:19 p.m. Opens

Shanna Kishigo thanked leadership for supporting Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company, Inc. today

Linda Gokee commented she is not in agreement to grandparents' rights as this is a court issue and not for Tribal Council to decide. State courts has issues with enforcement. 3:22 p.m. Closes

Motion made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to approve Enrollment for Citizenship List B Declination (Ineligible) dated April 21, 2021 for a total of three (3).

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Kevin Heselink for Tribal Prosecutor and set up an interview.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No Councilor

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Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Leroy Shomin), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)
Motion carries.
Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriation of Funds for the 2022 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets.
Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes
Motion carries.
Other Items of Business:
Councilor Tamara Kiogima: Closed Session: Confidential Business-Land (no closed session, place on Land and Reservation Committee agenda closed session)
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Kiogima’s verbal Tribal Council member report for April 22, 2021.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Adjournment:
4:01 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to Adjourn.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Next Regular Tribal Council Meeting:
May 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.
Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2021
via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:00 a.m.**
Opening ceremony: Melissa Wiatrolik
Closed Session: No
Council Present: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
Absent: Councilor Leroy Shomin (arrives at 9:05 a.m.), Secretary Julie Shananaquet
Legislative Office Staff Present: Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik, and Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee
Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier
Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Education’s Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, Planning Director Amanda Swiss, Planning Administrative Assistant

Shari Temple, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne
Judicial Officials and Staff: None
Public: Ricky Compo, Doug Emery, Bernadece Boda, Patrick Anthony, Melissa Shomin
Invited Guests: None
Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to Adopt the Agenda of May 6, 2021 as presented.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to approve the minutes of April 22, 2021 as presented.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Executive Oversight Report:
Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley
Emergency Management Team continues to meet every week.
No information regarding the American Rescue Plan. A determination will be released this week by the United States Department of Treasury.
Mario Redlegs, Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent in Charge conducted a Law Enforcement onsite visit. Audit went well. All law enforcement policy and procedures are in place.
Tribal Chairperson Gasco-Bentley will not divulge plans in regards to an ‘Active Shooter’. Rest assured all policy and procedures are in place.
Attended a State of Michigan Marijuana Regulations meeting with Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. Megwetch to Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. for joining her.
Yesterday, May 5 was Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. Megwetch to Councilor Melissa Pamp for sharing her story.
Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon
Reminder for the Executive Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Monitoring the COVID-19 cases which are declining.
Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson
Currently in negotiations for master planner for the health park.
Reviewing the bids for five (5) tiny homes. His goal is to have them by the end of the year.
Discussion: Vice Chairperson Stella Kay
Attended Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) virtual meeting.
Bryan Newland, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, focus of priorities is 1. Land in Trust, 2. Treaty Protection, and 3. Increasing Economic Rights.
Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) continues to work on the tax program for Indian tribes.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson, and Vice Chairperson Stella Kay for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion to refer the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) with revision to add the Wheelway to the Land and Reservation Committee.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie

Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Tribal Council Officer Reports:
Legislative Leader Report
Motion made by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Secretary Report
Documents Delivered to the Executive for signature on 04/09/2021 and are due back on or before 05/10/2021:
-Waganakising Odawak Statute Domestic Violence
-Waganakising Odawak Statute Interim Criminal Code
Documents signed by the Executive:
-Tribal Resolution 032521-02 Authorization for Support to Designate Three New Wilderness Areas and One Addition to an Existing Wilderness Area on the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula
-Waganakising Odawak Statute #2021-002 Tribally Accepted Accounting Practice Statute
Vetoes (*a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto*): None
Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None
Motion made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Secretary Report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Treasurer Report
Appropriations and Finance Committee
-Last Meeting: April 13, 2021 (Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented at the 04/22/2021 Tribal Council Meeting)
Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None
-Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chairperson for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Land and Reservation Committee
-Last Meeting: April 16, 2021

(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented at the 04/22/2021 Tribal Council Meeting)
Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None
-Next Meeting: Friday, May 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Motion made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chairperson for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Tribal Council Member Reports: No reports
Legislative Office Reports:
Office of Finance and Revenue Senior Financial Analyst
Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:
Tribal Burial Board, Inc. – No

report
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – No report
Ziibimijwang, Inc. – No report
Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Inc. – No report
Gaming Authority – No report
Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik’s verbal report for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Legislative Services Attorney
Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
10:27 a.m. Break
10:40 a.m. Resume
General Counsel
Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s written report for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Support for Michigan Indian Legal Services’ Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant.
Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes
Motion carries.
Legislative Office Manager
Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report for May 6, 2021.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Public Comment
11:05 a.m. Opens
Ricky Compo thanked Councilor Fred Kiogima for asking questions regarding an active shooter policy and procedures. Appreciates him for looking out for staff and citizens.
Patrick Anthony thanked all tribal citizens for working through this pandemic.
11:07 a.m. Closes
Tribal Council Action Items:
Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to post Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2002-04 Indian Preference in Tribal Employment to the web as sponsored by Councilor Marty Van De Car.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to

post Aanjigin Honorarium Program Act to the web as sponsored by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Tamara Kiogima, and Councilor Melissa Pamp.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to post Waiver of Fees for Veteran’s Statute to the web as sponsored by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to appoint Kevin Gasco to the Gaming Authority for a 4-yr term ending May 6, 2025 pending obtaining a Primary Gaming License from the Gaming Regulatory Commission.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Policy and Procedures for Electronic Meetings related to Open Meetings, Participation, Public Comments and Motions.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Policy and Procedures for Electronic Meetings related to Open Meetings, Participation, Public Comments and Motions.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to re-post LEG-283 Authorization of the Marijuana Program Statute.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
11:45 a.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima exits meeting
Public Comment
11:45 a.m. Opens
Ricky Compo asked does the tribe still have a cannabis marijuana board? When are the meetings?
Patrick Anthony asked can cannabis be sold at the casino?
11:48 a.m. Closes
Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2015-019 Administrative Procedures Act.
Roll call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-absent, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes
Motion carries.
Other Items of Business:
Councilor Tamara Kiogima relayed she was asked to accept a nomination to the Harbor Springs Historical Society. Voting will commence on May 17, 2021.
Adjournment:
11:52 a.m. **Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to Adjourn.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carries.
Next Scheduled Meeting
May 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.
Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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for all LTBB students in preschool and in grades kindergarten through 12th grade. The program is tribally funded and available once per academic year per student; the academic year is defined as August 1- July 3.

K – 12 Tutoring Subsidy Program

The purpose of this program is to provide a subsidy to offset the cost of hiring a private tutor for LTBB tribal citizens who are enrolled in an eligible K-12 education program, and who are struggling to meet grade level proficiency in one or more core academic subject area.

Shirley Naganashe Oldman Secondary Education Honorarium

The purpose of the Shirley Naganashe Oldman Secondary Education Completion Honorarium is to promote the completion of a secondary education program by offering a \$100 monetary award for all LTBB Tribal Citizens who complete a secondary education program.

Brainfuse On Demand Online Tutoring Program

Through Brainfuse, a wide range of services are offered: Instant tutoring from a live tutor in a range of subjects, review of writing assignments through online Writing Lab, submit a question and receive a reply from a tutor, personalized skills building, create your own flashcards and online quizzes/games to reinforce classroom learning, college readiness and ACT and SAT preparation.

Online Learning Resource List

In response to COVID-19 and school closures, the Education Department developed this suggested Online/Remote Learning Resource List to provide information and guidance to assist students, families and our local school districts. You can access the Online Learning Resource List at tinyurl.com/ltbb-edu-online-learning.

Eligibility: These programs are for LTBB Tribal Citizens with the exception of Brainfuse Online Tutoring Program and Online Resource Guide, which are also open for descendants.

K-12 Contact Information: Dorothy Perry, Academic Services Coordinator, at dperry@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231- 242-1482 and Amanda Weinert, IK Curriculum Specialist, at aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1483.

Mzinigangamik Cultural Library

- Virtual Book Club(s)
- Seasonal Reading Challenges
- K-12 Read to Own Program*
- Great Lakes Digital Library Libby (app to digitally access the library)

Eligibility *: These programs are generally open to the LTBB community. However, some programs are restricted to tribal citizens only due to funding source.

Library Contact Information: Celestine Petoskey, Cultural Librarian, at cepetoskey@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242 -1487.

Odaawawin Cultural Services

- Cultural Package Raffles
- Monthly Virtual Community Craft Circle
- Fielding questions regarding cultural information

Eligibility: Programs are generally open to the LTBB community with the exception of the Cultural Packages, which are only available to LTBB Citizens due to funding source.

Cultural Services Contact Information: Theresa Chingwa, Cultural Services Specialist, at tchingwa@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, culturalprogramming@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1486.

Higher Education

Michelle Chingwa Education Honorarium (MCEH)

MCEH is available for all LTBB tribal citizens. It can be used for credit earning courses at public colleges or universities throughout the United States and Canada. Award is paid directly to the student for use of any college related expenses. Subject to funding availability.

Application Deadlines:
Fall (August-December): Oct. 15 th
Winter/Spring (January-May): Feb. 15 th
Summer (May-August): June 15 th

Trimester or Quarter
30 days after the beginning of the session
Non-standard Term
(Schedule operating outside of system above): 30 days after the beginning of the session
Classification Levels:
Class 1: Courses/college programs sponsored by LTBB and are nearly free (\$25/credit hr.)
Class 2: Junior or community colleges (\$150/credit hr.)
Class 3: Four year colleges & universities (\$250/credit hr.)
Class 4: Graduate level courses (\$350/credit hr.)
Class 5: Free courses (\$15/credit hr.)
*Rates may be adjusted to meet allocated budget

Completion Merit

Completion Merit recognizes academic achievement of LTBB citizens. Must submit application and transcript showing the degree attained and the conferred date of the degree. Subject to funding availability.

- Awards are as follows:
- Certificate of Development - \$50
 - Certificate – \$100
 - Associate - \$250
 - Bachelor - \$500
 - Master - \$600
 - Doctorate/Juris Doctor - \$1,000

Higher Education Contact Information: Kim Gabrick, Higher Education Specialist, at kgabrick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1492.

Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP)

WOCTEP supports four degree programs at Bay Mills Community College (BMCC). These online programs and WOCTEP services are accessible from anywhere in the USA.

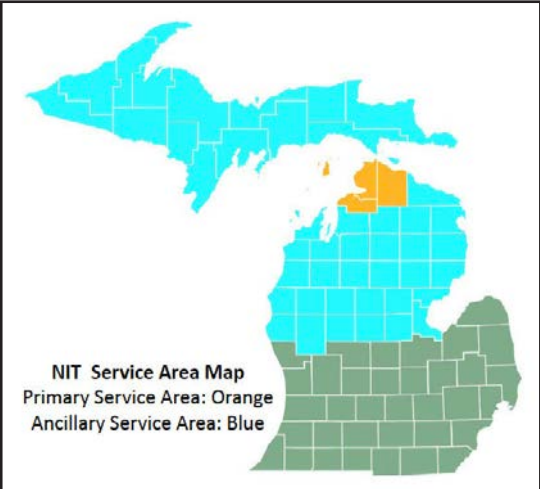
- Programs offered at BMCC include:
- Business Administration (AA)
 - Office Administration (AAS)
 - Early Childhood Education (AA)
 - Computer Information Systems (AAS)
- Funding Source:** Grant Funded. NACTEP – Department of Education.

Eligibility: Native Americans. WOCTEP provides services and resources to support the success of individuals who would not otherwise be able to pursue higher education. Such populations include individuals with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, single parents and those out-of-the-workforce. This includes LTBB descendants who meet these qualifications.

WOCTEP Contact Information: Mary Schneider, WOCTEP Administrative Assistant, at MSchneider@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1494.

Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training Program

The Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) Program extends services to individuals outside of the LTBB service area.



- NIT Supported Programs:**
- Comprehensive Industrial Welding Program
 - Work-Based Welding Program
 - Computer Numeric Control (CNC) Certificate of Development & Certificate
 - Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) Certificate
- Funding Source:** Grant Funded. Administration for Native Americans.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

You must exhaust all other means available to you, i.e. Friendship Center Bus, Straits Regional Transit, Char/Em Transit, Taxi or Family.

Clients of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Department must notify the Community Health Department 72 hours prior to their appointments.

Transportation is based on availability.

Call 231-242-1601 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

Miigwech!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid) Means “A Start of a Healthy Life”

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach all families who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both parent and newborn up to the age of five years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, but not replace obstetrical and pediatric medical care.

In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and after pregnancy. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information on Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call Carol J. Sodman-Morris, Maternal Nurse Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-242-1614.

No Insurance? See if you qualify for the Healthy Michigan Plan!



The Healthy Michigan Plan provides health care benefits to Michigan residents at a low cost so that more people can have health care coverage. Individuals are eligible for the Healthy Michigan Plan if they:

- Are age 19-64 years
- Have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level* (\$16,000 for a single person or \$33,000 for a family of four)
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs
- Are not pregnant at the time of application
- Are residents of the State of Michigan

*Eligibility for the Healthy Michigan Plan is determined through the Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodology.

If you do not have insurance and would like to fill out an application, contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 or by e-mail at vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to set up an appointment today!

Community Support Group

Provided by: LTBB Behavior Health

Zoom meeting will take place every Tuesday and Thursday @ 12 pm Starting 4/9/2020

The meetings are intended for anyone that would like to talk to others during this difficult time. Cultural Advisor, Matt Davis and Case Manager, Sara Hacker will provide the community with information on; community resources, cultural teachings, talking circles and more.

Information on how to participate please call 231-242-1640

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Eligibility: Native Americans (LTBB citizens and descendants, members/descendants of other federal/state recognized tribes) between 16 and 49 years old with a focus on high school students, veterans and unemployed/displaced/under-employed workers living in the project service area.

NIT Contact Information: Kerstine Bennington, NIT Project Director, at kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1485.

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) federal grant from the Department of Labor assists with barriers to employment.



Funding Source: Grant Funded. DINAP – Department of Labor.

Eligibility: Must be from a federally recognized Native American tribe, Alaskan tribe, Native Hawaiian or a first-generation descendant, live within the 28 counties, fall under the poverty guidelines or a skill upgrade is needed for employment and males must be registered with the Selective Service.

WIOA Contact Information: Rachael Koepp, WIOA Employment and Training Specialist, at rkoepp@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1488.

Elders Department (Kikaajik)
Food and Utility Appropriation Allowance

Who qualifies for the Food and Utility Appropriation Allowance program? Since there is NO income restriction with this particular program, it is open to any Little Traverse Bay Bands citizen who is an elder.

Who is considered an elder? An elder is an individual who is 55 years of age or older.

How much does the Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance reimburse? With this program, you can receive a maximum of \$400 reimbursement.

What do I need to receive the allowance? In order to receive full allowance, you need to make sure that all information on the application is filled out completely and that your address is current with Enrollment.

How long does it take to receive my allowance? It takes up to 3-5 weeks for reimbursement to be received. Now, keep in mind that if you are missing documentation, that your reimbursement will be delayed.

Is there a deadline? Yes. The deadline for the Food and Utility Allowance is November 30th of the current year. If the Elders Department receives applications past the deadline, it is up to the discretion of the department whether or not the application may be processed. All mail must be postmarked by November 30th.

What if my address has changed? If your address has changed, make sure that the Enrollment Department is aware of the changes. You will need to complete an address change verification form. Enrollment can be reached at 231-242-1521.

Direct Client Services and Emergency Fuel and Utility are also available to LTBB Elders. For more information on these programs, please contact the Elders Department.

Elders Department Contact Information: 231-242-1423

Enrollment Department (Enjiboozbiigeng)
Services provided to all LTBB Tribal Citizens include:

- Enrollment Applications
- Tribal Identification Cards
- Address Change Forms
- Tribal Directory
- Tribal Directory Labels
- Tribal List, 18 and Up, Names Only
- Marriage License Applications
- Certify Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver
- BIA – 4432 Indian Preference Form
- Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Forms

Enrollment Contact Information: Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Marin Taylor at 231-242-1521 or MTaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

GIS (Geographical Information System) Department (Aki Enaabijik)

The GIS Department provides information about the LTBB reservation, LTBB Tax Agreement, LTBB ceded territory, LTBB service area and LTBB trust lands; a maps link on the LTBB website, LTBB land tours and hard copies of requested maps.

GIS Contact Information: 231-242-1576 or 231-242-1597.

Health Department (Mina-Mskikigamik) Elder's Dental Program

- Available for tribal citizens age 55 and above.

- Covers up to \$1,500 per calendar year.
- Must submit completed application, Tribal ID and treatment plan for dental services being requested along with the cost of the service.

- Two options of payment: Direct billing the provider (W-9 must be submitted by provider for payment) or the patient is reimbursed for services already completed.

- Limited funding of \$100,000 per year.
- Hearing Aid Program**
- Available to all tribal citizens.
- Covers \$2,500 per hearing aid every 4 years.

- Must submit completed application, Tribal ID and Documentation of Medical Necessity.

- Two options of payment: Direct billing the provider (W-9 must be submitted by provider for payment) or the patient is reimbursed for services already completed.
- Limited funding of \$150,000 per year.

Contact Information: PRC Health Services Navigator at 231-242-1607.

Medicare Reimbursement Program

- Eligible to all tribal citizens with Medicare Part B and D plans.
- Must submit copy of Tribal ID, Medicare card, Social Security Benefit letter or other proof of premium payment.

- Two application processing schedules (NOT check processing schedules): First application processing begins in January. Covers expenses incurred from July 1st – December 31st of the prior year. Completed application and all supporting documentation is due by February 14th. Second application processing begins in July. Covers expenses incurred from January 1st – June 30th of the current year. Completed application and all supporting documentation is due by August 14th.

- Late submissions will not be processed.
- Checks are sent to citizens as soon as possible. Processing times dependent on volume.

Contact Information: LTBB Sponsorship Specialist at 231-242-1748.

Housing Department (Wiigwaamnaadin) Emergency Rental Assistance

- Funded by the U.S. Department of Treasury and expires September 2021.
- Funds will cover rent payments and/or utility arrears for renters, caused by COVID-19.
- Applicants may be eligible for prospective rent up to 3 months in advance.
- Household income must be less than 80% of the Median income of the area that the applicant lives.
- Homeowners are NOT eligible for this program.

Contact Information: LTBB Housing Assistant Hunter Johnson at 231-242-1540 and hjohnson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Courtesy graphics.

Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!

Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!

Call: 231-242-1563



Excessive heat events are a risk to everyone's health



-  Stay hydrated
-  Wear loose fitting, light-colored clothing
-  Minimize direct sun exposure
-  Take a cool bath or shower



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2021 Tribal Elections Schedule

JULY

Thursday, July 1 - Non-Certified General Election Results Posted

Thursday, July 8 - Last Date to File a Challenge to the General Election by 5 pm

Monday, July 12 - Certification of the General Election at 5 pm & Official Results of General Election Posted

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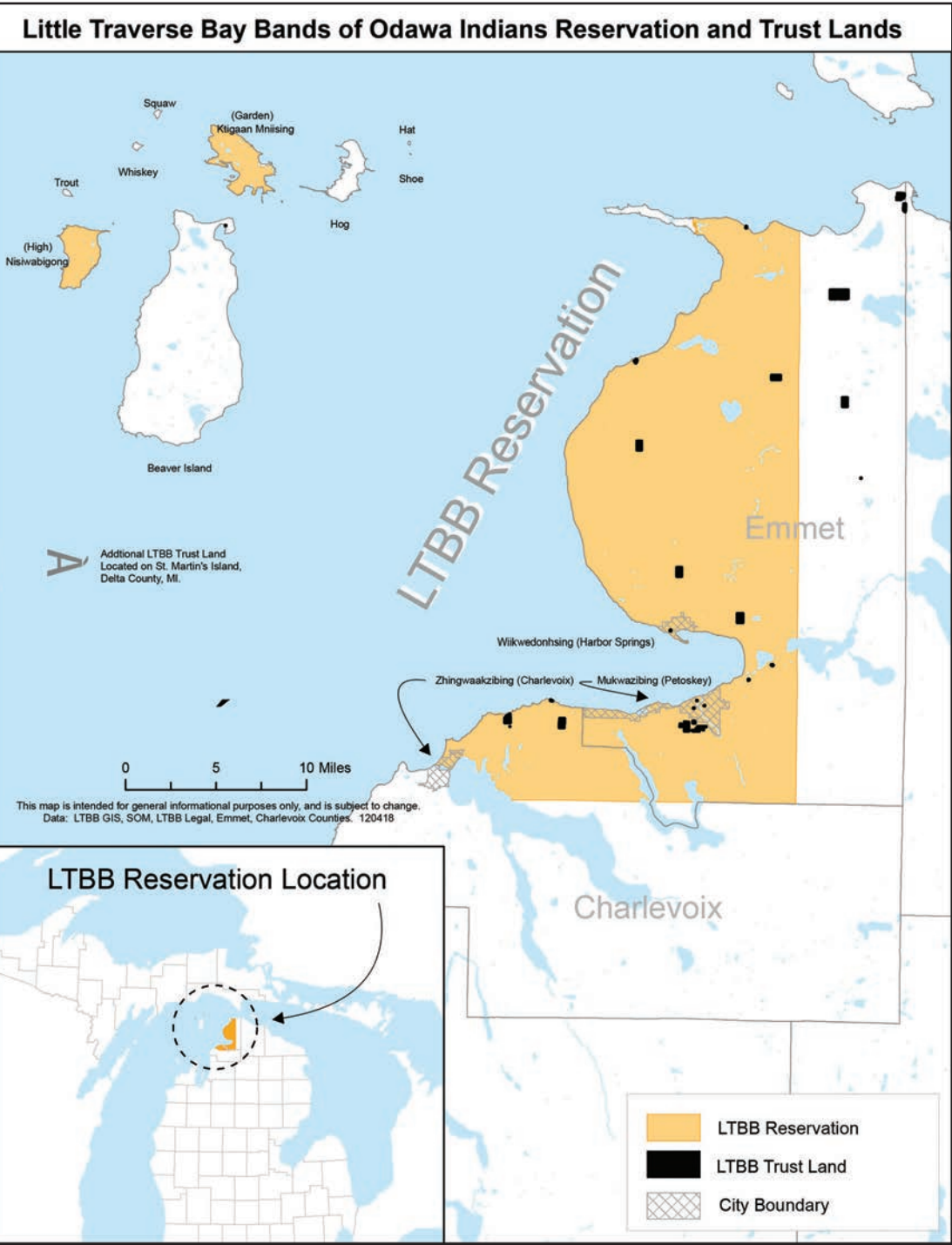
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dants filed a motion for summary judgment asking the judge to rule the 1855 Treaty did not establish a reservation. In August 2019, without conducting a trial, the Federal District Court granted the defendants’ motion for summary judgment ruling the 1855 Treaty did not establish a reservation, but only temporarily withdrew land from sale to allot to individual Odawa families.

The tribe filed an appeal of the August 2019 ruling with the Federal Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. On May 18, 2021, a three-judge panel of the Appellate Court issued its opinion upholding the District Court’s August 2019 ruling. As noted by LTBB Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, “Our Tribe is heartbroken by this

decision which fundamentally misconstrues our history. We will be requesting rehearing before all of the judges of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.” The Federal Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit consists of a total of 16 judges, but a panel of three judges hears and decides each case. Parties have a right to request what is termed a rehearing en banc, meaning a new hearing before all 16 judges. LTBB filed its petition for rehearing on June 1, 2021. The Appellate Court only grants a few en banc rehearing requests each year. Given the critical historic and jurisdictional issues, and May 18 opinion’s contradiction of United States Supreme Court and Appellate Court precedent, we have made a strong case for a rehearing before all 16 appellate judges.

Map courtesy of the LTBB GIS Department.



“No Small Task:” Working in the White House

By Aliyah Chavez

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In President Joe Biden’s White House, there are hundreds of staffers working in the executive office to help him run the nation. In this sea of staffers, four Native professionals are working to make sure Indian country has a seat in these important discussions.

The executive office of the president was established more than 80 years ago by former President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a means to provide the president with “the support that he or she needs to govern effectively.”

Every day, staffers research and write memos for President Biden to read overnight — many involving topics ranging from coronavirus case numbers and vaccination rates to national security threats.

Aides brief him on meetings he may attend the next day or experts he may speak to while members of the press team send the president’s schedule to reporters, so news organizations can plan their coverage accordingly.

For the Native staffers, holding high-level positions within the executive office serves as a point of pride for themselves, their families,



tribal nations and communities.

They say many reactions vary when community members learn about their jobs.


Some people ask how things are going at the Interior Department, others ask if they’ve met the president yet. Most of these kind-hearted expressions serve as an opportunity for them to educate community members about the vast nature of the federal government. This aspect, of educating, is something they don’t mind doing.

“I don’t know that anyone from my community has worked in this position before,” said PaaWee Rivera, Pojoaque Pueblo, who serves as a senior advisor and tribal affairs director in the White House office of intergovernmental affairs.

His primary responsibility is to work closely with the nation’s 574 federally recognized tribal governments and leaders to ensure Indian country is included in critical policy discussions.

Rivera’s position is located in intergovern-

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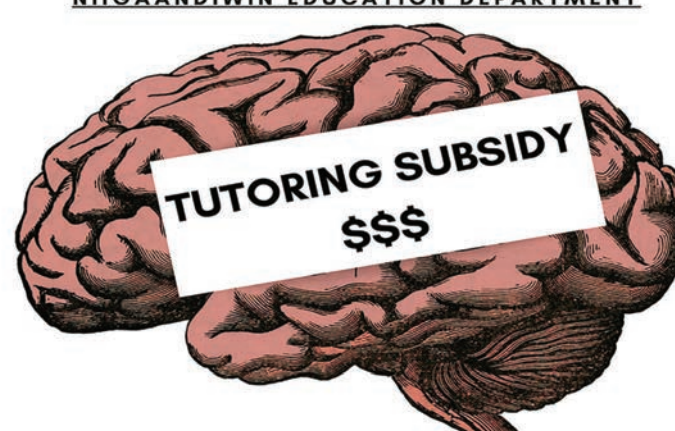
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Goodluck, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and Mvskoke Creek, added the job can be high-pres-

Some of Biden's indigenous appointees:
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- Heather Dawn Thompson, Cheyenne River Sioux, director of the Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Zach Ducheneaux, Cheyenne River Sioux, the first indigenous person to lead the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Services Agency
 - Bryan Newland, Bay Mills Indian Community, principal deputy assistant secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior
 - Wahleah Johns, Diné, director of the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy
 - Arlando Teller, Diné, deputy assistant secretary for tribal affairs, Department of Transportation
 - Michael Connor, Taos Pueblo, assistant secretary of the army for civil works, Department of Defense
- “From the get go of this administration, you felt that inclusivity of everybody’s voices,” Goodluck said. “You see it reflected in the people you’re working with side by side on the issues and that’s a refreshing change.”
- Future Goals**
- Finney says her goal is to help the Biden ad-

ministration rebuild trust by providing access, being transparent and providing correct information.

For Washburn, a personal goal is “to get as much done as I possibly can for Indian Country in the short time that I’m here.”

“I think one of the most important goals for all of us is to ensure that representation in a place like the White House, across the administration, in Congress, and as a Cabinet member becomes a commonplace for Indian Country — and that Indian Country knows that we have a space in the highest seat in government,” Rivera said.

Rivera sees his time as a senior advisor as a position he stewards, adding he hopes to create a path for future Native staffers.

“I hope and pray that there’ll be many after myself to carry on this work and push the boundaries and continue to push the priorities of Indian Country well into the future,” he said.

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Two Native Writers Win Pulitzers

By Aliyah Chavez

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Writers Louise Erdrich and Natalie Diaz were named winners of the prestigious Pulitzer Prize in the categories of fiction and poetry — also included was Marty Two Bulls, Sr. who was named a finalist in editorial cartooning on Friday (June 11, 2021).



Erdrich, Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, is the Pulitzer winner in fiction for her novel, “The Night Watchman.” The novel is a New York Times best seller and is based on the life of Erdrich’s grandfather who worked as a night watchman. The book is based in the 1950s and captures a community’s efforts to halt the proposed displacement and elimination of several Native tribes. Her book is published by HarperCollins.

The prize for fiction goes to a distinguished fiction by an American author. The prize is \$15,000.



Diaz, Mohave and Gila River Indian Community, is the winner in poetry for her collection of poems, “Postcolonial Love Poem.” The book is Diaz’s second collection and is described as “an anthem of desire against erasure.” Many of the poems discuss the wounds inflicted by America onto indigenous people. The book is published by Graywolf Press.

The prize for poetry is a poem of original verse with a prize of \$15,000.

Two Bulls, Sr., Oglala Lakota, was named a finalist in the editorial cartooning category. No award was given in this category this year by the Pulitzer board because none of the finalists received a majority vote, a spokesperson told *Indian Country Today*.

“There is precedent in the category: No awards were given in 1973, 1965, 1960, 1936

and 1923. The nominating juries are briefed and aware of this possibility when they deliberate,” the spokesperson said.

This year’s Pulitzer prizes for journalism, books, drama and music were announced Friday (June 11, 2021) by Columbia University. The award is one of the most prestigious awards in the country honoring journalism and the arts. It was established in 1917.

Shortly after the awards were announced, many took to social media to offer their congratulations.

“So cool to see so much Native representation at the @PulitzerPrizes!” wrote journalist Tristan Ahtone on Twitter. “Congrats to Marty Two Bulls, Sr., Louise Erdrich and Natalie Diaz! These honors are so well deserved and way overdue.”

Viet Thanh Nguyen, a professor who serves on the Pulitzer Board, tweeted his congratulations to the winners.

Erdrich is an award-winning author of seventeen novels, including volumes of poetry, children’s books, short stories and a memoir. Previously, she was a finalist for a Pulitzer prize for her book “The Plague of Doves.”

She has received a Library of Congress Prize in American Fiction — and also received the prestigious PEN/Saul Bellow Award for Achievement in American Fiction, and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize.

Diaz is an award-winning author. Her first collection of poems, “When My Brother Was an Aztec” won an American Book Award. In 2018, she was a MacArthur Fellow and previously was named a Lannan Literary Fellow and a Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellow.

She is currently the director of the Center for Imagination in the Borderlands at Arizona State University.

At least one other Native author won a Pulitzer in the arts. N. Scott Momaday, Kiowa, won in 1969.

A special citation was given by the Pulitzer board to Darnella Frazier, the 17-year-old who recorded a video of George Floyd’s death. The video was circulated worldwide and was key evidence during the murder trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin.

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Crying and difficulty managing emotions	Over-planning for situations and events	Feeling worried about situations or events

Your Child's Early Development is a Journey

Check off the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress with the doctor at every visit.

6 MONTHS

- Starts here
- Copies sounds
- Begins to sit without support
- Likes to play with others, especially parents
- Responds to own name
- Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah," "eh," "oh")
- Uses simple gestures such as shaking head for "no" or waving "bye bye"
- Copies gestures
- Responds to simple spoken requests

12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)

- Says "mama" and "dada"
- Pulls up to stand

18 MONTHS (1 1/2 YEARS)

- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Points to things or pictures when they're named
- Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Gets excited when with other children
- Says several single words
- Walks alone
- Knows what ordinary things are for (for example, telephone, brush, spoon)
- Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Points to show others something interesting

2 YEARS

- Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Points to show others something interesting

3 YEARS

- Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people
- Shows affection for friends without prompting
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Reminds well
- Copies adults and friends (like running when other children run)
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Reminds well

4 YEARS

- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Tells stories
- Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
- Plays cooperatively
- Hugs and stands on one foot for up to 2 seconds
- Leads stories

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Congratulations Graduates We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to **Janessa Sebeck** on your graduation from Escanaba Area Public High School. Good luck and have fun at Bay College. We are so proud of you! Love, Grandma and Grandpa Sebeck and the rest of the tribe.



Congratulations **Elizabeth McCutcheon** on your graduation from Petoskey High School and also for receiving the Cheetos Choice Award. We are excited to see where your path leads you. Good luck, and we love you. Aunt Cathy and Uncle Bob.



Congratulations to our sister/daughter, **Ayashay Schuyler** - Yuta?slani, for completing her Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in Substance Abuse Education at Central Michigan University (CMU). This fall, she will be starting her Masters of Science in Administration program at CMU. Ayashay is ambitious and has completed school through a pandemic and raising two small children with her partner, Kwake Hale, along with help from her parents, William and Cindy Schuyler. Ayashay is the granddaughter of the late Ralph and Maanyaan

(Kenoshmeg) Shawanibin and the great granddaughter of the late Julia Kenoshmeg. She makes her family proud for all the hard work she puts forth while living Mino Biimaadziwin. Ayashay is a well-known seamstress amongst the pow wow trail. She creates jingle dresses and ribbon skirts for many women across Turtle Island. Your family are happy you are continuing your education to be a positive role model to your children, nieces and nephew. Kunolunkhwa/ Giizaagin, Yuta?slani - with love from your Schuyler, Dreaver and Syrette family.



Congratulations to our son, **Mkooohns Marcus Gasco**, Petoskey High School Class of 2021!! We are so proud of you! Sky's the limit, son!! Gzaagin (insert a heart) Mom, Dad and Wedaase. Mkooohns plans to attend North Central Michigan College in the fall with a focus in Pre-Nursing and plans to transfer to Michigan State University.



Congratulations to **Jenna Wood** on her Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, Bachelors of Fine Arts, Apparel and Textile Design, minors in American Indian and Indigenous Studies and Graphic Design.

Jenna is the daughter of Cheryl Kishigo and stepfather, Matthew Lesky.

During her time as a student in the College of Arts & Letters, she held positions as Co-President of the Fashion Design Student Association and as Studio Supervisor for the Apparel & Textile Design (ATD) Department. She was asked by her ATD professors to be a featured designer for sustainability at the MSUCAL Arts Weekend on Mackinaw Island in June 2019, and one of her designs "G.G." won "Best in Show" in the ATD Exhibition in December 2019.

Since then, her focus has shifted toward the indigenous art of quillwork. She attended a workshop in August 2019 taught by Yvonne Walker-Keshick



and her family where she made her first quill box. She took this experience and applied for the CREATE! Microgrant funded by the MSU Dean's Art's Advisory Council in May 2020 and earned the opportunity to create her most recent quillwork, a quilled mask "bmaadzi." The purpose of this work is to give voice to those who walked on in the last pandemic (smallpox) to hit Waganakising in the 1830s. Bmaadzi was featured in the Ziibiwing Virtual Indigenous Arts Market and won the "social media star" award.

After graduation, she plans to continue her current position as Student Assistant to Dr. Heather Howard, working on a quillwork project led by Yvonne Walker-Keshick as well as continue her formal education of Anishinaabemowin at Bay Mills Community College.



The very proud parents of **Alexander Sanders** would like to congratulate him on his high school graduation from Lighthouse Connections Academy! Alex plans on attending Eastern Michigan University in the fall and he is majoring in history. We are very proud of you, and all your hard work to get to this point. We are very excited to see what your future holds! Go Class of 2021!



Joseph Denemy, the son of Brian Denemy and the grandson of Bill and Pat Denemy of Petoskey, MI, graduated with honors from Lake Orion High School in Lake Orion, MI.

Congratulations to **Jade Nicole Barnes**, who graduated from Central Michigan University! Jade received her Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Organizational Administration. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.91.



Jade is the first in her family to receive a Bachelor's degree, all while working full-time in Purchased Referred Care at the LTBB Health Department, raising her five children and participating in community involvement events. We are so proud!

Jade's cheerleading squad includes parents, Deborah Stanley, Willis and Beverly Kiogima, grandmothers, Mary Jane Kiogima and Kathy Knake, sister, Chandler Rush, husband, Cody Barnes, and their five children, Trenton, Benjamin, Chase, Hunter and Havana. Thank you for being our role model!



Congratulations **Madison Ferella!!** YOU DID IT!! You worked so hard, and we are so PROUD of you!! Love, Mom, Abbie and Grandma Michele.

To Our Dearest **Kayleigh (Roberts)**, from the moment you came into this world, you have been one of our greatest accomplishments. Your confidence, strong sense of self, feisty attitude and caring soul are just a few things we love about you. You are more than we ever expected and better than we ever could have imagined. You are a source to our many laughs and great memories. There have been times where we haven't seen eye to eye, but that just means we did our job and raised you to

Congratulations Graduates We are so proud of you!



have a mind of your own. You are a great role model for those who surround you. Continue to be you! Congratulations as you continue into this next chapter at North Central Michigan College! Not going to lie, so happy you decided to stay close to home! Love you! Love, Mom, Dad and Kenny.



Congratulations **Raven Odayman Winter**, a 2021 Manistee High School graduate.

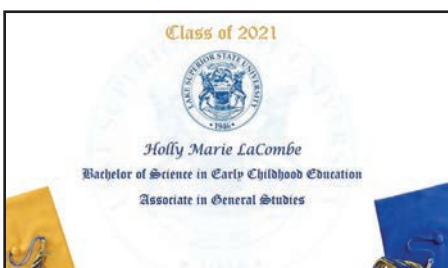


The very proud parents of **Kiara Sanders** would like to congratulate her on graduating from North Central Michigan College! Kia graduated with a Medical Assistance Certificate, Medical Billing and Coding Certificate AND her Associates in General Studies. Kia plans on attending Central Michigan University to continue her studies towards her Bachelor of Science with an option in Community Development- Health Sciences. We know it wasn't an easy road, but you persevered, and you did it. We can't wait to see everything you are going to accomplish when you set your mind to it!

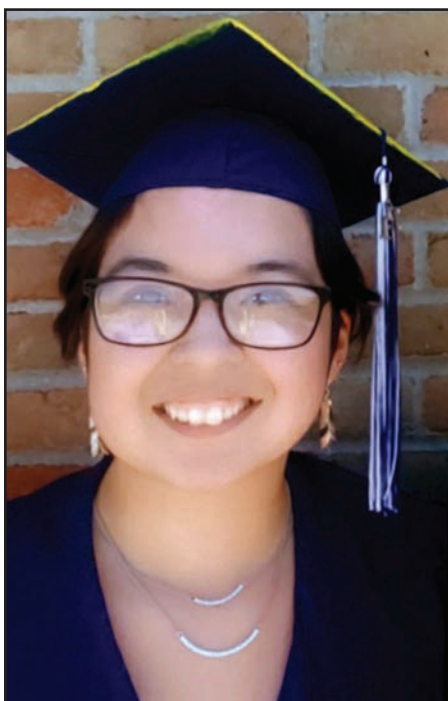
Hey sis (**Elisa Fonseca**), we are so proud of you and of all of your accomplishments thus far! Graduating with your first degree at North Central Michigan College, living a healthy life-



style, working and being the awesome mama that you are! You are paving the way for the next generation! You are breaking chains! You are fighting for your dreams! Ogitchidaa Kwe! Warrior woman! Don't stop, keep going! You are on a roll! Love always, Big Sis.



Congratulations to our daughter, sister, wife, momma, auntie, **Holly LaCombe!!** We are so proud of you and your accomplishment!! We all love you very much!!! Mom and Dad, Joe, Kentin and Audrey, BJ and Jess, Josh, Sarah and Lane.



Mr. Russell Worthington and Ms. Kimberly Keshick are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, **Shylee Aurora Worthington**, from Petoskey High School. Shylee will be attending North Central Michigan College in the fall of 2021, majoring in Early Childhood Education. We are so proud

of you! You are a beautiful, intelligent, caring young lady! This is only one of the many accomplishments in your lifetime. We love you so much! Congratulations Shylee!



Congratulations **Jordan Bussey** on your high school graduation (from Harbor Springs High School)! I'm so proud of you ngwis! We ALL are! I wish you nothing but the best in all your future endeavors. Watch out Michigan Tech, here he comes!!! Love, Ngashi. Photo by T.Keshick/Blue Sky Photography.

Congratulations **Cody Woodin**, who graduated from the University of Michigan with his MBS degree.

Jarrin Kelly, son of Deanna and Jamie Kelly, grandson of Rita and Martin Serva and great-grandson of Ione Munson (Feathers), graduated from Petoskey High School. Jarrin was involved in all sports, playing four years of football, basketball, track, baseball, wrestling and lacrosse. He will be attending Michigan State University in the fall, studying criminal justice. Proud of you



Congratulations to (**Mkooohns**) Gasco and (**Zhaawon**) Smith! We are so proud of you boys! Love, the whole fam and Olivia McGann.

Bear!! GO GREEN!!

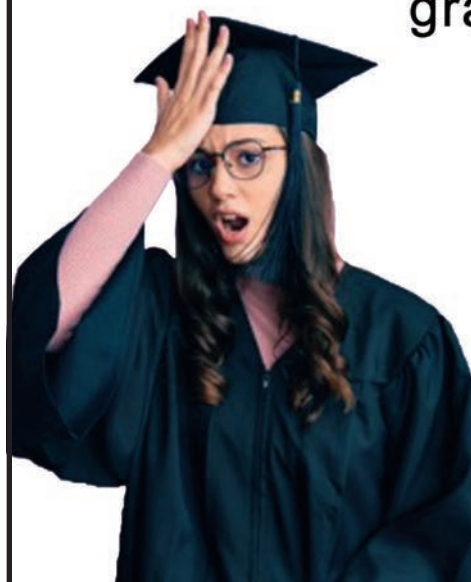


Congratulations **Jarrin Kelly**, PHS graduate. You did it! Your family is very proud of you. Look out world!!



Andrew Thomas Stemkoski, son of Paul and Victoria Boda Stemkoski, graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science on May 1, 2021.

Did you miss putting in a graduation notice?



Don't worry! Send your information to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov by July 9, 2021 to get it in the next issue of the **Odawa Trails!**

"Keystone XL is Dead"

By *Indian Country Today*

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The Keystone XL pipeline project is officially terminated, the sponsor company announced Wednesday (June 10, 2021).

Calgary-based TC Energy is pulling the plug on the project after Canadian officials failed to persuade President Joe Biden to reverse his cancellation of its permit on the day he took office.

The company said it would work with government agencies "to ensure a safe termination of and exit from" the partially built line, which was to transport crude from the oil sand fields of western Canada to Steele City, NE.

"Through the process, we developed meaningful Indigenous equity opportunities and a first-of-its-kind, industry leading plan to operate the pipeline with net-zero emissions throughout its lifecycle," said François Poirier, TC Energy's president and chief executive officer in a statement.

The pipeline has been front and center of the fight against climate change, especially in indigenous communities. Native people have been speaking out, organizing and in opposition of the project for several years.

"OMG! It's official," Dallas Goldtooth, Mde-wakanton Dakota and Diné, wrote on Twitter regarding Keystone XL's termination. "We took on a multi-billion dollar corporation and we won!"

Goldtooth is part of the Indigenous Environmental Network. The network said it has been organizing for more than 10 years against the pipeline.

"We are dancing in our hearts because of this victory!" wrote the network in a statement. "From Dene territories in Northern Alberta to Indigenous lands along the Gulf of Mexico, we stood hand-in-hand to protect the next seven generations of life, the water and our communities from this dirty tar sands pipeline. And that struggle is vindicated. This is not the end - but merely the beginning of further victories."

The network noted water protector Oscar High Elk still faces charges for standing against Keystone.

Construction on the 1,200-mile pipeline began last year when former President Donald Trump revived the long-delayed project after it had stalled under the Obama administration.

It would have moved up to 830,000 barrels of crude daily, connecting in Nebraska to other pipelines which feed oil refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Biden canceled it in January over long-standing concerns burning oil sands crude would make climate change worse.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had objected to the move although officials in Alberta where the line originated expressed disappointment in recent weeks Trudeau didn't push Biden harder to reinstate the pipeline's permit.

Alberta invested more than \$1 billion in the project last year, kick-starting construction which had stalled amid determined opposition to the line from environmentalists and Native American tribes along its route.

Alberta officials said Wednesday (June 10, 2021) they reached an agreement with TC Energy, formerly known as TransCanada, to exit their partnership. The company and province plan to try to recoup the government's investment although neither offered any immediate details on how that would happen.

"We remain disappointed and frustrated with the circumstances surrounding the Keystone XL project, including the cancellation of the presidential permit for the pipeline's border crossing," Alberta Premier Jason Kenney said in



a statement.

The province had hoped the pipeline would spur increased development in the oil sands and bring tens of billions of dollars in royalties over decades.

Climate change activists viewed the expansion of oil sands development as an environmental disaster which could speed up global warming as the fuel is burned. That turned Keystone into a flashpoint in the climate debate, and it became the focus of rallies and protests in Washington, D.C. and other cities.

Environmentalists who had fought the project since it was first announced in 2008 said its cancellation marks a "landmark moment" in the effort to curb the use of fossil fuels.

"Good riddance to Keystone XL," said Jared Margolis with the Center for Biological Diversity, one of many environmental groups that sued to stop it.

On Montana's Fort Belknap Reservation, Tribal President Andy Werk, Jr. described the end of Keystone as a relief to Native Americans who stood against it out of concerns a line break could foul the Missouri River or other waterways.

Attorneys general from 21 states had sued to overturn Biden's cancellation of the pipeline, which would have created thousands of construction jobs. Republicans in Congress have made the cancellation a frequent talking point in their criticism of the administration, and even some moderate Senate Democrats, including Montana's Jon Tester and West Virginia's Joe Manchin had urged Biden to reconsider.

Tester said in a statement Wednesday (June 10, 2021) he was disappointed in the project's demise but made no mention of Biden.

Wyoming Senator John Barrasso, the top Republican on the Senate energy committee, was more direct: "President Biden killed the Keystone XL Pipeline and with it, thousands of good-paying American jobs."

A White House spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment on TC Energy's announcement. In his January 20 cancellation order, Biden said allowing the line to proceed "would not be consistent with my administration's economic and climate imperatives."

TC Energy said in canceling the pipeline, the company is focused on meeting "evolving energy demands" as the world transitions to different power sources. It said it has \$7 billion in other projects under development.

Keystone XL's price tag had ballooned as the project languished, increasing from \$5.4 billion to \$9 billion. Meanwhile, oil prices fell significantly — from more than \$100 a barrel in 2008 to under \$70 in recent months — slowing development of Canada's oil sands and threatening to eat into any profits from moving the fuel to refineries.

A second TC Energy pipeline network, known simply as Keystone, has been delivering crude from Canada's oil sands region since 2010. The company says on its website Keystone has moved more than 3 billion barrels of crude from Alberta and an oil loading site in Cushing, OK.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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MATTHEW WESAW REAPPOINTED TO MICHIGAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently appointed Matthew J. Wesaw to the Michigan Workforce Development Board.

Matthew J. Wesaw, of Lansing, MI, is the tribal chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and president of the Pokagon Gaming Authority. He holds a bachelor's degree in Christian Leadership from the Great Lakes Christian College. Wesaw is reappointed to represent businesses for a term commencing May 30, 2021 and expiring May 29, 2025.

The Michigan Workforce Development Board is responsible for the development and continuous improvement of the workforce development system in Michigan. The board will act as an advisory body and will assist the governor with the development, implementation and



modification of Michigan's four-year state plan pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and advance the governor's 60 by 30 goal of helping 60% of our workforce achieve a post-secondary degree or certification by 2030.
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PREVENT COLORECTAL CANCER: START YOUR SCREENING AT AGE 45



By the **Intertribal Council of Michigan, Inc.**

Colon cancer can be preventable with early and regular screenings.

On May 18, 2021, the age recommendations for colon cancer screening were lowered from age 50 to 45. This change provides the opportunity for adults with no family history of colon cancer to be screened at age 45 instead of waiting until age 50.

As reported by the Prevent Cancer Foundation on May 18, 2021, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) finalized the new recommendations for colorectal cancer screening, recommending colon cancer screening for people of average risk ages 45-49. Under the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies to include the Indian Health Service are required

to fully cover any screening or early detection services for individuals in this age group, age 45 - 49, those ages 50 - 75, and individuals under age 45 with a documented family history or who are at increased risk for a colon cancer diagnosis.

Why are these changes important, and why should you share this information with your friends and relatives? Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer, and cancer death among Native Americans. As briefed by the Indian Health Service, a study of colon cancer rates indicated during a 12-year period, the overall incidence of colon cancer decreased by 12% for the general population, and during this same period, the incidence rate among Native Americans increased by 38%. Native Americans are at increased risk for colon cancer, however, with early screening, colon cancer can be prevented.

In the early stages, colon cancer generally has no symptoms, and it can be detected with one of the many screening tools available from your provider or tribal health center. These screening tools

include at-home/office tests (FIT/FOBT/Cologuard) or scheduled procedures with a pre-procedure bowl preparation such as a colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy can detect cells or polyps in the colon or rectum. Detecting the cells/colon polyps in the pre-cancerous stage can prevent a future cancer diagnosis. Finding cancer cells/polyps in the localized stage when it hasn't spread beyond the colon or rectum has resulted in a 90% survival rate after five years unlike those who are diagnosed at later stages when the cancer has spread beyond the colon or rectum. Those who are diagnosed late stage have a 12% survival rate after five years. This information makes it more important you reach out to your provider today and ask to be screened for colon cancer.

Call your tribal health center or care provider and ask which screening method is best for you. If you are looking for a tribal health center in Michigan, you can locate them at www.itcml.org/healthcenters

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200 YEAR HISTORY OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

For 200 years, the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture has stood for both growers and consumers in America. To commemorate the committee's anniversary, USDA's National Agricultural Library created a digital timeline to highlight key events, members and legislation in the committee's history.

The timeline includes documents and photographs dating from the committee's formation in 1820 and explores key milestones, including creating USDA, establishing the Land-grant University System and forming the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Learn how the committee supported research and innovations to prevent illnesses and ensure a safe food supply by eliminating harmful pests and animal diseases.

Read how the committee addressed the devastating Dust Bowl in 1935 by providing farmers with relief and protecting the country's natu-



ral resources through the creation of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. This act led to the establishment of new USDA agencies to address conversation issues. Learn the remarkable story of how the committee funded extensive USDA laboratory research which produced a technique for pushing penicillin production to an industrial level. This work allowed penicillin to be used widely during World War II, preventing countless amputations and deaths from infected wounds.

From providing farmers with federal price supports and crop insurance to promoting rural broadband connectivity, the committee continues to shape the future of U.S. food and agriculture.

Explore the committee's historical contributions in the 200 Anniversary U.S. House Committee on Agriculture timeline at www.nal.usda.gov, pull down the Collections drop menu and click on Exhibits.

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